



2017 Mountain Lakes Scholarship

\$1000 scholarship/s will be awarded to graduating high school student/s from Cherokee, Clay or Graham County, NC. This scholarship is available to students who demonstrate academic strength, leadership, community involvement, and financial need. Scholarships are for tuition and/or books and have no cash exchange value and are non-transferable.

Criteria for Eligibility

To be eligible for considerations, applicants must submit completed application and all supporting documents to the **Scholarship Committee** postmarked by **April 15th**.

Mailed to **Mountain Lakes Board of REALTORS, 93 Tennessee St., Murphy, NC 28906**

Applicant must be a US citizen and a North Carolina Resident

Applicant must be a graduating senior with a 2.85 GPA or above

Applicant must plan to attend a two or four year college, university, or community college as a full time student in the fall of 2017.

This is an academic/need based scholarship. Precedence can be given to those with greater need.

The Award presentation will be at the Senior Awards Ceremony.

The Award will be paid directly to the school of choice with instructions to disperse \$500 for first semester/quarter and \$500 to the second semester/quarter.

Application Procedures Checklist

To be considered each applicant must submit **ALL** of the following:

- Completed **application**
- **Two letters of recommendation**. One from a faculty member. One from a non-related adult.
- Copy of high **school transcript** through present date and a copy of their **SAT official report of scores**. If not available explain why.
- Completed **personal essay** stating your qualifications, including personal background, leadership, educational and personal goals, special contributions, and volunteer work at school and in the community and career interests. (See Essay Section IV)
- Copy of the requested Tax return

This application and the essay are to be completed by the STUDENT. Any submissions deemed to be completed by another person will not be considered for the award.

SECTION II: STUDENT ACADEMIC INFORMATION

To be completed by student prior to submitting back to the counselor for review.

1. Indicate your family's adjusted gross income from their most recent Federal Income Tax Return:

Circle the one that applies:

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|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Below \$25,000 | \$25,000 to \$35,000 | \$35,000 to \$45,000 |
| \$45,000 to \$55,000 | \$55,000 to \$65,000 | \$65,000 and above |

2. Indicate the total number of individuals (including parents and dependents) in your household

1-3 4-5 6-7 7 and above

3. How many of these individuals will be enrolled in college in the fall of 2016? (Including applicant)

1 2 3 4 or more

4. Have you been awarded any other scholarships and/or financial aid? If so, please list scholarships awarded with amount and the amount of financial aid expected.

5. Please list volunteer, community and school sponsored activities participated in during high school.

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

The Committee provides equal opportunity to all applicants and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status or disability.

SECTION V

I declare that the information reported herein is true, correct, and completed by the applicant. I shall provide, on request, an official copy of my (our family's) latest US Income Tax Return for the purpose of verifying the information reported to the Committee. I also understand and agree that any suspicion of forgery, incorrect and/or incomplete information, of completion by another party will result in my application being disqualified.

I understand that my completed application with requested transcripts, letters of recommendation, tax returns and typed essay must be returned to the Scholarship Fund Committee at 93 Tennessee Street, Murphy, NC 28906 (next door to City Lock, downtown Murphy) No later than **April 15th**. A large manila envelope is recommended

Student Signature

DATE

Student's Signature

Date completed

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is a dependent)

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Student Signature

DATE