

Guidelines for High School Counselors

Re: **Maude Carter Teacher Scholarship**

Gaston County Unit North Carolina Retired School Personnel

Students applying must be pursuing a career in education and be a student at a public high school in Gaston County. Other scholarship information can be accessed in several ways:

(i.e. education; scholarships; financial aid, etc.)

* Criteria for selection will be **scholarship, service and financial need**. Applicants *must be pursuing a career in education*. The selection committee shall be given latitude in determining the best balance of these criteria. The selections of the committee shall be final. Finalists may be called in for an interview.

* Winners will be notified by the scholarship chairperson and will be invited, along with their principal, guidance counselor, and parents, to attend the May meeting of the Gaston County NCRSP.

* The award check will be made out to both the student's college and the student. Both signatures will be necessary to cash the check. The check will be mailed to the college.

The completed application packet shall consist of the form provided plus an official transcript, three letters of recommendation and a signed news release with a photo attached.

The deadline for completed forms to be mailed (postmarked) to the scholarship committee is **April 20, 2012**.

Forms should be mailed by the above deadline to:

Mary Margaret Harrelson
1351 Robinwood Road
A318
Gastonia, NC 28054

Student Check List for Scholarship Packet

- 1. Transcript (request from school)
- 2. Three letters of recommendation (may not be related to student)
 - ___ High school counselor, teacher, or other staff member
 - ___ High school teacher
 - ___ One other

Letters should be returned in sealed envelopes.

- 3. Completed application form with all requested information
- 4. Signed news release with original head and shoulders photo attached
- 5. Packets must be mailed to the scholarship committee to the address listed **by April 20, 2012 (postmarked).**

Personal Reference Form

1. Knowledge of the applicant:

- _____ This student is in my class (es)
- _____ I am this student's school counselor
- _____ I supervised or directed the work of this student for _____ years
- _____ I do not know this individual well enough to evaluate.

2. Scholastic Evaluation: In comparison with other students with whom you have been associated, I rate this person:

- _____ Superior (upper 5%)
- _____ Very Good (upper 10%)
- _____ Good (upper 25%)
- _____ Average (upper 50%)
- _____ Below average

3. Recommendation: Considering this student's academic record, special abilities, ambitions and determination, please indicate your recommendations.

	Academic Record	Special abilities	Ambitions and Determinations
I recommend strongly for:	_____	_____	_____
I recommend for:	_____	_____	_____
I recommend with reservation:	_____	_____	_____
I cannot recommend for:	_____	_____	_____

4. On a separate sheet please write any specific information concerning this candidate's character and potential for success in the field of education. Include any circumstances we should consider and state why you do **OR** do not recommend this student. **Attach the sheet to this form and return it in a sealed envelope to the student.**

Gaston County Unit

**North Carolina Retired School Personnel
Maude Carter Teacher Scholarship**

(Applicant must be pursuing a career in education)

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby apply for the Gaston County Unit of North Carolina Retired School Personnel Maude Carter Retired Teacher Scholarship for the study at any college. I will graduate from _____ High School on _____ .
(date)

I. Applicant's Full Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ Cell Phone or Other #: _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Father's Occupation _____ Mothers Occupation _____

Total number of persons living in the home _____

Total yearly income:

- \$0 - \$20,000 \$20,000 - \$35,000 \$35,000 - \$50,000
- \$50,000 - \$75,000 Over \$75,000

II. Please give the following information. Use a separate sheet, if necessary, and attach to this form.

Participation in extra-curricular school activities indicating years in which participated: _____

Honors and awards in high school:

Offices held in school organizations or in class: _____

Out-of-school activities, offices held, and awards: _____

Positions held in gainful occupations or employment: _____

Planned major/area of education planning to study : _____

List college or university accepted to and planning to attend. If undecided, please explain and list colleges applied to. _____

Have you been granted a scholarship(s)? If yes, please list name(s) & total 4-year amount. _____

Did you apply for the NC Teaching Fellows Scholarship? Yes No If yes, please indicate your status in the process (e.g. finalist, semi-finalist but did not receive, applied but did not make it to the semi-final round, etc.) If no, please explain why you did not apply. _____

What other scholarships have you applied for? _____

III. State your need for financial aid. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary. _____

Criteria for selection will be scholarship, service, and financial need. The selection committee shall be given latitude in determining the best balance of these criteria. The selection of the committee shall be final. The minimum amount of any award shall be \$1000.00. Winners will be notified by the scholarship chairperson and will be invited, along with their principal, guidance counselor and parents, to attend the May meeting of the Gaston County NCRSP.

**North Carolina Retired School Personnel
Gastonia, North Carolina**

News Release Permit

I hereby authorize North Carolina Retired School Personnel Scholarship Committee to release news information and/or photographs of me to the news media.

I agree to hold North Carolina Retired School Personnel Scholarship Committee free of liability and harmless for any action arising from the use or publication of these photographs and/or news information.

Print Full Name

Signature

Date

Please print full name of parents, guardian, or spouse

Attach original
Photo here...
(head and shoulders only,
suitable for news release)