



C. Reid Ross Scholarship and Annual Grant for Prospective Educators

2025 Application

This application supports the selection of a graduating senior from either Harnett Central or Western Harnett High School who wishes to become an educator. Every four years, a recipient of the “C. Reid Ross Scholarship for Prospective Educators” is awarded a \$1500 scholarship which is renewable annually for three additional years (\$6000 total over four successive years). The applicant may elect to attend a 4yr institution or take the community college route to become an educator.

In addition to the renewable award, and in cooperation with the North Carolina Community Foundation, one recipient who wishes to become an educator will be awarded a one-time \$1000 grant.

Applicants electing to take the community college route should be enrolled in either the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science Teacher Preparation programs at CCCC. (See <https://www.cccc.edu/curriculum/majors/universitytransfer/teacher-preparation/>).

Applicant: Complete and return all parts of this application to your guidance counselor.

Counselor: Please send all completed applications to:

The Rotary Club of Lillington
P.O. Box 753, Lillington, NC 27546
Attention: Scholarship Committee

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE ROTARY CLUB BY APRIL 23, 2025 (WEDNESDAY)



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Please type or legibly print all sections.

Date: _____

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-mail address: _____

(NOTE: if your e-mail address changes, please notify Scholarships@LillingtonRotary.org)

Name of any siblings and their ages: _____

Have any of your siblings completed a post-secondary education? _____

Are any members of your family currently enrolled in post-secondary education? _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____ Living: Father? _____ Mother? _____

Occupation of parents/guardians: Father: _____ Mother: _____

Jobs you have held while a student in High School? State the employer, what position held, and for how long:

School Activities and/or any volunteer work or outside of school student activities, such as 4-H, church ministries, non-profit events, etc.: (Use separate sheet, if needed)



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Post-secondary Institution you plan to attend: _____

	Name of College/University	Have you applied?	Have you been accepted?
1 st Choice:			
2 nd Choice:			
3 rd Choice:			

In what field are you expecting to study while you are attending college/university to become a professional educator?

- Please write an essay of no more than 500 words explaining why you want to become an educator. Include any reasons why this scholarship would help you achieve this goal. Please write legibly or type out your essay.
- Be sure to be grammatically correct with accurate spelling. You may seek proof-reading assistance from another person if needed prior to submitting your final edition. Attach essay to this application.
- Attach two (2) letters from adults outside your family supporting your application for this scholarship.
- Have your high school guidance office submit a certified copy of your high school transcript for review.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

The Reid Ross Scholarship for Prospective Educators is a four-year renewable scholarship and must be re-authorized by the Club's Scholarship Committee each year. The Reid Ross Scholarship Grant is a one-time, annual non-renewable award.

1. Attend and make satisfactory annual progress toward completion of your education at a four-year college or qualified educational institution.
2. Continue your enrollment in a program culminating in a Bachelor's degree in Education.
3. Maintain a GPA of 2.75 or greater [*YOU must submit a copy of your transcript AND a written request for release of the subsequent year's funds to the scholarship committee of the Rotary Club of Lillington by June 30th of each year.*] Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. Not required for the one-time grant.
4. Take part in community service and school activities each year and submit a list of such service and activities annually to the Scholarship Committee. Not required for the one-time grant.
5. Renewable award requires the recipient to attend at least one of the meetings of the Rotary Club of Lillington each year and briefly speak to the club about your college and community service experience. Both awards require the first visit be made before the end of the calendar year in which the award is received.



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The minimum standard for the renewable award to receive the second, third, and fourth year's funds are as follows:

If the renewable-award recipient is unable to meet these requirements for receiving this scholarship after each succeeding year, then the recipient will not be eligible to receive future scholarship funds and they will be committed to another student.

It will be the duty of the Administrator of the Reid Ross Scholarship Committee, upon receipt of the Ross Scholar's transcripts demonstrating achievement of a 2.75 GPA or greater, to coordinate with the North Carolina Community Foundation for the release of the succeeding year's funds to the Financial Aid Office of the student's college or university, with the full name of the student for which funds are being disbursed, the student's school ID number, and the amount authorized.