



DHS FRIENDS HILDA CROCKER WILSON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Description

The DHS Friends Hilda Crocker Wilson Scholarship Endowment was created and named in memory of Hilda Crocker Wilson, a beloved faculty member at Dunn High School from 1954 through 1969. She taught courses in office and business skills. In addition to her role as a teacher, Mrs. Wilson was active in church and community affairs, and was named Dunn Woman of the Year in 2001. She was loved and admired by all who knew her.

Upon her death in 2014, Mrs. Wilson bequeathed a substantial sum of money to DHS Friends. In fond memory of Mrs. Wilson, and in appreciation for the love, the dedication and the mentoring she gave to thousands of Dunn High School students, her generous donation has been used to establish a scholarship endowment, under agreement with the North Carolina Community Foundation. The endowment is designed to provide an ongoing stream of income that will fund the Hilda Crocker Wilson Scholarship perpetually.

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide a financial incentive to help motivate students to achieve their life ambitions through higher education.

The scholarship amount is determined each year based on the investment income generated by the endowment fund. The Hilda Crocker Wilson Scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior who meets the eligibility requirements set forth below. The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis and is not renewable.

Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant must be a direct descendant of an alumnus or faculty or staff member of the former Dunn High School. ("Descendant" may include lawfully adopted children in the lineage.)
- The applicant must show clear evidence of acceptance by an accredited college, university or vocational/community college.
- The applicant must be enrolled in a full-time course of study in Education.
- The applicant must have a minimum high school weighted academic GPA of 2.63.
- The scholarship is open to all students without discrimination on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or religious belief.

Selection Criteria

- Evidence of satisfaction of all Eligibility Requirements
- Scholarship---High school academic record, and evidence of academic promise beyond high school
- Character---Evidence of high moral character and good citizenship
- Service and Leadership---Evidence of involvement and leadership in high school activities, church and the community

Application Process

- Obtain application form from the local guidance office (or dhsfriends.org website)
- Submit completed and signed application to the high school guidance counselor; all applications should be mailed to the Hilda Crocker Wilson Scholarship, DHS Friends, Inc., Post Office Box 4, Dunn, NC 28335. The applications must be received no later than March 31, 2020. The application form must be accompanied by:
 - o At least two letters of recommendation---including one from a school counselor, teacher or administrator, and one from an employer, pastor or community leader;
 - o Copy of the official high school transcript;
 - o A typed essay describing the applicant's education and career goals;
 - o A non-returnable photograph;
 - o Statements of permission from the applicant and the applicant's parent/legal guardian for release to the media of the student's photograph and general information about the student, if awarded the scholarship;
 - o Evidence of acceptance by the institution;
 - o Evidence of financial need, where applicable; and
 - o Evidence demonstrating that all Eligibility Requirements are satisfied, if such evidence is not otherwise addressed in the application documents listed above.

Selection and Administration

- A Selection Committee appointed by the DHS Friends Scholarship Committee Chairperson will review and evaluate the applications and rank the applicants. The Selection Committee may, at its discretion, interview one or more top applicants before completing the scoring process. The DHS Friends Board Chairperson and Scholarship Committee Chairperson will tabulate the Selection Committee's rankings and determine the applicant to whom the scholarship will be awarded.
- The scholarship award will be announced at a designated ceremony at the student's high school, or otherwise as determined by the DHS Friends Scholarship Committee.
- The scholarship recipient will be given a Scholarship Verification Letter at the time of the awarding of the scholarship, to be presented to the college registrar at the appropriate time.
- The college registrar must confirm in writing to the DHS Friends Treasurer that the scholarship recipient is enrolled in a full-time academic program for the Fall Semester/Quarter of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution.
- In the event the recipient ceases to remain a full-time student in good standing at his/her college during the school year, the scholarship will be withdrawn and any unused scholarship funds will be returned to the DHS Friends to be credited to the Hilda Crocker Wilson Scholarship Fund.

DHS FRIENDS HILDA CROCKER WILSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Must Pursue a Degree in Education

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
(Last, First and Middle)

Address _____ Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Name of High School Student is attending _____

Father's Full Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Mother's Full Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Names of parents, grandparents, great grandparents, legal guardian that attended/taught/staff at Dunn High School
(Include maiden name)

(1) _____ Relationship _____ DHS Class of _____ or Emp. Dates _____

(2) _____ Relationship _____ DHS Class of _____ or Emp. Dates _____

High School Activities (May attach a separate sheet)

10th _____

11th _____

12th _____

Extracurricular Activities/Honors (May attach a separate sheet)

Civic/Community/Religious Affiliation - Activities/Honors (May attach a separate sheet)

College or University you plan to attend: _____

Indicate the field of study you plan to pursue: _____

Do you authorize your school to release a copy of your transcript? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you authorize release of your submitted photo and personal profile (not contact) information for possible use by DHS Friends and/or the media? _____ Yes _____ No

Please attach: (1) Two letters of recommendation as specified in the guidelines (2) A non-returnable photograph
(3) An essay about a goal set and met (300 words or less) (4) School transcript (5) Evidence of School Acceptance

Applicant's Full Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's or legal guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

School Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____