

## THE SMART MATTERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Junior League of Columbia wants to assist students in the community who may not otherwise have the financial resources to continue their education.



#### APPLICATION CRITERIA

- The scholarship is open to high school seniors who are U.S. citizens who have been accepted to attend technical colleges, two-year and four-year colleges.
- The applicant must have attended one of the Smart Matters schools: A C Moore Elementary, Arden Elementary, Bradley Elementary, Burton-Pack Elementary, Caughman Elementary, Lewis-Greenview Elementary, Meadowfield Elementary, Mill Creek Elementary, Pine Grove Elementary, South Kilbourne Elementary.
- Preference will be given to applicants with good attendance records.
- Applicants will be judged on scholastic achievement, financial need, community involvement and such other factors as the selection committee shall from time to time consider appropriate.
- The applicant must have achieved a 2.5 grade average based on the four-point scale.
- Selection will be based on three important areas: service to school, service to the community, and congeniality with students, staff and faculty. Service to school will be defined as involvement in school activities, such as clubs, service organizations, school government, pep squad, etc, and must be supported by a letter of reference from a school representative. Service to community will be demonstrated by volunteer activities in nonprofit organizations and community involvement projects, etc, and must be supported by a letter of reference by a representative from a community organization.
- Applicants will be required to complete an Application for Assistance.
- Applications must be accompanied by an essay, written by the applicant, tied to the mission and vision statement of the Junior League of Columbia, Inc.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will review the applications and attachments and make the award selection based on the above criteria. All awards will be made without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex or disability. No members of the Committee, nor family members of the Committee, nor employees of the Foundation, shall be eligible to receive benefits from this Fund.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants must complete the scholarship application form and submit it along with required attachments to:

**Central Carolina Community Foundation  
Scholarship Selection Committee  
2711 Middleburg Drive, Suite 213  
Columbia, South Carolina 29204**

If you have questions, contact Veronica L. Pinkett-Barber at (803) 254-5601 ext. 331.

**All applications are due in the Community Foundation office by March 15.**