

STUDENT INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship is awarded on the candidate's character, scholastic records, demonstration of ambition and leadership, potential to succeed and financial need. The applicant must be present for judging at the time and place designated. For local and district contests the winner must be present for the presentation of the scholarship.

1. Applicant must be a high school senior residing in Alamance County
2. Applicant must be in the upper fourth of the class.
3. Applicant must use the official application form (or copies of).
4. The scholarship is to be used at a four-year college or university in the state of NC.
5. The applicant must be a Citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED on or before November 1:

1. **Official Application form** plus a list of extracurricular activities, honors and community activities (see item #16).
2. Recent photograph. (wallet size)
3. A personal letter as to why student desires to continue their education, the student's future plans, and why financial aid is necessary.
4. Letter of recommendation from either the school principal, school guidance counselor, or a school teacher on school letterhead.
5. Letter of recommendation from a **business or professional person OTHER THAN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**
6. High school transcript, with grades through the junior year, complete SAT and/or ACT scores, class rank with number of students in class, and grade point average weighted and unweighted. (The local winner must provide an official and complete transcript which includes the grades from first semester, senior year for the district, and if applicable, the state competition.) Official transcripts are stamped and sealed.
7. Copy of most recent Federal Tax Returns **or** FAFSA Summary (SAR) for applicant's parent(s) and applicant.
Document any significant changes in family income if necessary.
Student should mark out SSN before submission.

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The recipient shall undertake and satisfactorily complete a full academic number of hours as described by the current college catalog. Any grade point average (GPA) less than 3.0 per year does not satisfactorily meet the terms of the contract.

For the local winner who is awarded a one-time scholarship of \$3,000.00, there is automatically an opportunity to move to the district and state competitions, greatly increasing the total scholarship winnings. The winner of this award will be eligible to compete at District 4 which awards a scholarship of \$2500.00 to the first-place winner and \$1500.00 to the runner-up. The first-place winner goes on to the state competition to compete against the other eight district winners for \$12,000.00 awarded \$3,000.00 per year for four years or \$4,000.00 per year for three years.

Your complete application packet must be received by November 1, 2023. Deliver or mail to Ms Hilda Jernigan, 416 Cobblestone Ct., Burlington, NC. 27215. Early submissions will be appreciated. You may reach Ms Jernigan at 410-746-0340 if you have questions.

The BWC Interview date: Saturday, November 11, 2023 . The location will be the Burlington Woman's Club Thrift Shop at 317 S. Main St., Burlington, NC. You will be called about our interview time once your application is received and reviewed for completeness and eligibility.

The District 4 interview location will be Greensboro and the state interview location will be in Mebane.