ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Financial support for additional academic opportunities is available to Brooks Scholars during the summers preceding their sophomore, junior and senior years:

- **Study abroad grants**
  The Brooks Foundation provides a stipend that typically covers most if not all of the program, transportation and living expenses associated with summer study abroad programs. A student must be accepted into a study abroad program sponsored by NCSU, UNCCH or UNCG which awards at least six hours of academic credit.

- **Research project grants**
  A Brooks Scholar may elect to research a topic related to his/her major. A faculty advisor at the scholar’s campus must oversee the research. The Brooks Foundation will pay a summer stipend in support of the approved research.

- **Internship grants**
  A Brooks Scholar may intern with a public or private institution in a field related to his/her major. The internship must be approved by the Brooks Foundation. A generous stipend is available to support the scholar during the internship.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All documents must be received by the Brooks Foundation by **January 31st**.

- **Brooks Scholarship application completed online at CFNC.org/Brooks**
- **High School Transcript submitted electronically via CFNC.org (click Apply, then Apply For College, then Transcript Manager)**
- **SAT and/or ACT score reports**
  - SAT reporting code: 5757
  - ACT reporting code: 3190
- **Academic Reference from a school counselor or teacher attesting to the applicant’s academic excellence**
- **Personal Reference from another individual (not related) attesting to the applicant’s general merit**
- **FAFSA submitted online via FAFSA.gov for the upcoming academic year.**
  - NCSU school code: 002972
  - UNCCH school code: 002974
  - UNCG school code: 002976

Estimated income, tax, etc. information may be used to meet the January 31st scholarship deadline. Estimates will be confirmed with verified data prior to scholarship disbursements.

For more information about Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarships, contact your high school counselor or email BrooksScholar@ncsea.edu

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BACKGROUND

Aubrey Lee Brooks was born in Person County on May 21, 1871. Despite his later success and wealth, he never failed to acknowledge his indebtedness and gratitude to the community into which he was born.

My mother...watched over me like a guardian angel. Her constant admonition was that I must, at whatever sacrifice, acquire a college education. But that took money, and we had no money.1

After graduating high school, Mr. Brooks taught in a single-room school. After two years, with his savings—and some borrowed money—he went to Chapel Hill to attend the University. A brief illness interrupted his studies but his love for the law returned him to Chapel Hill.

None of my family on either side had ever been a lawyer, but for some unaccountable reason I was consumed with an ambition to become one.2

As a prosecuting attorney for the State and later in private practice at his firm in Greensboro, he was esteemed for his wide-ranging knowledge of the law, his skill as a general practitioner and his abiding belief in justice and fairness.

Throughout his life, Mr. Brooks was active in North Carolina politics and contributed to many worthy causes in the state, including the Boy Scouts, the Presbyterian Church, and the UNC Press.

Aubrey Lee Brooks lived in North Carolina until his death on January 10, 1958. Prior to his death, he endowed the Trust which funds this scholarship program. In keeping with his commitment to community, the counties in and around the old Imperial Fifth Congressional District are the chief beneficiaries of this scholarship bearing his name.

APPLICATION PROCESS

There are three steps required to apply for the Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarship. Each applicant must:

1. Apply for college admission and be accepted as an undergraduate student at one of the qualifying institutions:
   - North Carolina State University (NCSU)
   - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNCCH)
   - University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG)

2. Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at FAFSA.gov. To be considered the applicant must list at least one of the qualifying institutions.

3. Complete the Brooks Scholarship application available online at CFNC.org/Brooks

The applicant must use his/her College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) account to complete the application. CFNC is a free service of the state of North Carolina.

ELIGIBILITY & DEADLINE

To be eligible, an applicant must be a North Carolina resident and a graduating high school senior permanently residing in one of the following counties:

- Alamance
- Bertie
- Caswell
- Durham
- Forsyth
- Granville
- Guilford
- Orange
- Person
- Rockingham
- Stokes
- Surry
- Swain
- Warren

All application materials must be received by January 31st. Only complete applications demonstrating financial need and academic excellence will be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Seventeen Brooks Scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors from the 14 specified counties on the basis of academic standing, character, leadership, financial need, and the will of the recipient to help himself or herself prepare for a career as a useful and informed citizen.

Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Financial need is determined by the Brooks Foundation based on the information submitted on the FAFSA form.

Selection for the Brooks Scholarship is competitive. Successful applicants have excellent high school grades and SAT/ACT scores. Applicants are expected to have participated in extracurricular activities, volunteered in their community and/or been regularly employed. These students often demonstrate leadership within the organizations with which they work.

Eligible applicants are interviewed by each county’s committee. Each county committee submits final recommendations to the Foundation’s Central Scholarship Committee which selects the recipients. Decisions are announced in April.

VALUE AND TERMS

The Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarship provides an award up to approximately one-half of the cost of an undergraduate education. The scholarship, in combination with any other financial assistance the student receives, may not exceed the cost of attendance at the institution. In the fall of his/her first year, each scholar receives an additional one-time allowance to purchase a computer for school use.

The scholarship is renewable for three additional academic years (a total of eight semesters) provided the recipient has continued financial need, is enrolled full-time, maintains a GPA of at least 2.75 and demonstrates good citizenship.