



Burlington Junior Woman's Club

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Dear Applicant and Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s),

The Burlington Junior Woman's Club invites eligible students to apply for the Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship. This scholarship is available to students (male or female) who are residents of North Carolina and who are enrolled in an Alamance County high school. There are currently two local clubs accepting applications for the Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship. Those clubs are the Burlington Junior Woman's Club and the Burlington Woman's Club. Applicants may apply to the scholarships offered by both clubs (by completing separate applications), but can only win one award from one of the aforementioned clubs.

This scholarship was established to honor the life and the legacy of Sallie Southall Cotten. Sallie Swepson Sims Southall Cotten (13 June 1846 - 4 May 1929), writer and Woman's Club and civic leader, was born in Lawrenceville, Brunswick County, Va., the daughter of Susannah Sims and Thomas J. Southall. Of Irish descent, she had ancestors who were active in the early history of this country, including one who served in the Continental Congress and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Throughout her life Mrs. Cotten met women from all parts of the country who were active in the "Woman's Movement." Long interested in the status of women, Mrs. Cotten began working and encouraging women to organize themselves on the local level. As a result, many clubs were established. Sallie Southall Cotten was a principal leader in the organization of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs in 1902. She was the fifth president and an active member for twenty-five years. Her leadership led women through many movements with far-reaching results: they achieved a law permitting women to sit on school boards; they worked for local civic reform, libraries, education, child labor reform, and improvement in institutions of correction; and they raised money to establish an educational loan fund for girls, naming it the Sallie Southall Cotten Loan Fund. Mrs. Cotten composed the federation song in 1910 and wrote *The History of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, 1901-1925* (1925). The federation made her Honorary Life President.

To continue Sallie Southall Cotten's legacy, the Burlington Junior Woman's Club is requesting that students who meet the following criteria consider applying for the Burlington Junior Woman's Club's Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship. As mentioned previously, applicants must be residents of North Carolina who are enrolled in an Alamance County high school. Students must have exemplified excellent character, obtained scholastic achievement, demonstrated evidence of

intellectual promise, proven to be ambitious, exhibited leadership skills, and have a need for financial assistance.

Scholarship Awards: The first place winner of the local competition will be awarded \$1,000.00 and will be eligible to participate in the district competition to win an additional scholarship. The applicant who wins at the district level will go on to the state level for the opportunity to receive a third scholarship.

The second place winner of the local competition will be awarded \$500.00.

Application Requirements: Applicants must submit the following items via mail by **Saturday, December 19, 2020** in order to advance to the interview phase of the scholarship process:

- Completed Application Form;
- A recent photograph;
- A personal letter stating why the student desires to continue their education, the student's future plans, and why financial aid is necessary;
- A letter of recommendation from either the School Principal, School Guidance Counselor, or a School Teacher;
- A letter of recommendation from a business or professional person OTHER THAN SCHOOL PERSONNEL;
- A certified school transcript that includes the following:
 - The student's grades through the first semester of the student's senior year,
 - SAT and/or ACT test scores,
 - The student's class rank with the number of students in the Senior Class, and
 - The student's grade point average (weighted and unweighted); and
- A copy of the most recent Federal Tax Returns or FAFSA Summary for the applicant's parent(s) and the applicant. Please document any significant changes in family income if necessary. The student should mark out all social security numbers before submission of these documents.

Completed applications should be mailed to:

Burlington Junior Woman's Club - SSC Scholarship
P.O. Box 2584
Burlington, NC 27216-2584

Interview Phase: All qualifying applicants must participate in an interview with members of the Burlington Junior Woman's Club serving as the interview panel. **All interviews are scheduled for January 2, 2021 and will be held virtually (via Zoom).** A member of the Burlington Junior Woman's Club will contact each applicant to schedule their interview. The dress code for the interview is business casual.

Thank you for your application! We wish you well in all of your educational endeavors!

The Burlington Junior Woman's Club

GFWC-NC Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship Application Form

(To Be Completed By Sponsoring Club)

Club: *Burlington Junior Woman's Club* Town: *Burlington/Alamance County, NC* District: *Four*

Club President: *Sherea Burnett*

Mailing Address: *P.O. Box 2584, Burlington, NC 27216-2584*

Local Scholarship Contest will be held: *January 2, 2021 via Zoom*

District Scholarship Chairman: *Liz Arcabascio* Phone Number: --- Email: *arcabascio@earthlink.net*

District Scholarship Contest will be held: *February 2021 (Weir-Jordan House, 223 N. Edgeworth St., Greensboro)*

(To Be Completed by Student)

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME: _____ Date: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ PHONE (home): _____ PHONE (cell): _____

APPLICANTS EMAIL: _____

1. Are you a US Citizen? _____ Are you a resident of NC? _____

2. School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

3. Name of Father/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Occupation: _____

4. Name of Mother: _____

Address: _____ Occupation: _____

5. How many persons are dependent upon your parents? _____

6. Give ages of brother(s): _____ Sister(s): _____

7. How many brothers and/or sisters are in college? _____

Name colleges: _____

8. Did your parents attend college? Father: _____ Mother: _____

Are they in accord with your desire to attend college? _____

9. Do your parents own their own home? _____ Buying? _____ Renting? _____

10. What work for pay have you done during the last year? _____

11. What work do you plan to do this coming summer? _____

12. What is your NC college preference: _____

What course of study will you take? _____

13. Have you applied or been accepted for entrance to a college? _____

14. Have you informed the student aid officer of your need for financial assistance? _____

15. Name other scholarships for which you have applied: _____

Scholarship name and amounts you have received: _____

16. If you are awarded this scholarship, how will the balance of your college expenses be financed?

17. Attach a list of extracurricular activities, honors and community activities.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S ENDORSEMENT

I (name) _____ the parent/guardian of the above applicant for a scholarship, hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, and belief, the foregoing statements are complete and correct. I approve the applicant's application for a scholarship.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Note: Applicants must be present for judging and presentation of the scholarship at the time and place designated.