

THE MCSWAIN SCHOLARSHIP

The McSwain Scholarship was established in 2010 by family and friends in honor of Thomas Clyde and Isabel Anderson McSwain and their many contributions to education in Staunton and throughout Virginia. Mr. McSwain served in the Staunton School System for 32 years, 17 of which were as Superintendent. During his tenure as Superintendent, he led the integration of the school system, a major building program of new schools and closure of most of the former segregated black schools. Isabel Anderson McSwain, a graduate from Queens College at age 19, taught Biology, Science and English in secondary schools for over 34 years--teaching at Robert E. Lee High School for 27 years.

Description

The McSwain Scholarship provides funds for college scholarships to graduating seniors of Robert E. Lee High School who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, personal qualities of leadership, integrity and morality, and strong participation in school and community service activities.

Eligibility

- An eligible student must be a senior at Robert E. Lee High School.
- An eligible student must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, personal qualities of leadership, integrity and morality, and strong participation in school and community service activities.
- An eligible student must be a candidate for high school graduation at the end of the current academic year and plan to enroll at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the Continental United States the following academic year.

Selection Criteria Used by the Selection Committee

- Outstanding academic achievement - 40%
- Personal qualities of leadership, integrity and morality - 30%
- Strong participation in school and community service activities - 30%
- The candidate will be selected by the Robert E. Lee High School scholarship selection committee for recommendation to the Community Foundation, in accordance with the Community Foundation's Conflict of Interest Policy.

2012 Award Amount

\$2,000

How to Apply

Please send completed application and supporting documents to the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge on or before **Thursday, April 5, 2012, 5:00 p.m.** (applications must be in-hand on or before April 5th--not postmarked).

- ❖ Completed Application Packet includes:
 - General Scholarship Application including essays
 - Official High School Transcript
 - Two Letters of Recommendation

Send To: Info@CommunityFoundationcbr.org , P.O. Box 815, Staunton, VA 24402 or hand deliver to 117 S. Lewis Street, Staunton. **Visit** www.communityfoundationcbr.org for more information.

Note: No close relative of a Community Foundation Board Member, Staff, Donor or the Selection Committee is eligible to apply.