



*In memory of Robert H. Short*

**Cumberland Community Foundation Announces the Robert H. Short  
Scholars Program**

*Awards up to \$100,000 per student available beginning with the Class of 2019*

**Background:**

Robert H. Short was born in Greensboro, NC and was one of six children. His father died when Short was only 15 years old which forced him to drop out of school at sixteen and go to work. Short served in combat during World War II and returned home in 1949 to work in the management program of Burlington Industries. He later relocated to Fayetteville and began working at Major Appliance Company which he later bought. During this time, Short completed home-study and night courses to achieve his High School equivalency degree. Short described himself as “a poor child” from modest means.

Though a successful businessman and a brilliant investor, Short always regretted that he had not attended college. He acquired his wealth through hard work, conservative living, and a successful self-designed investment strategy. During his life, he was a quiet and generous philanthropist, donating over \$7 million to education and youth programs.

Robert H. Short wanted to help students have opportunities that he did not have. Upon his death in 2011, the Cumberland Community Foundation received a \$10 million gift from his estate to continue his support for students forever. From 2011 - 2018, Mr. Short’s gift made it possible for the foundation to award \$2,377,000 to students attending three local colleges – Methodist University, Fayetteville State University, and Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Cumberland Community Foundation is honored to continue his legacy of helping students through the ***Robert H. Short Scholars Program***, now available to students who will attend any nonprofit college or university.

**Announcement:**

Beginning with the Class of 2019, Cumberland Community Foundation will select ***Robert H. Short Scholars*** who will receive awards as described in this document. Always check [www.cumberlandcf.org](http://www.cumberlandcf.org) for the most recent information. Click on [Scholarships](#).

**Amount of the Award:**

The RHS Scholars award will be paid as the last-dollar-in, after all other awards, scholarships, and grants are paid on the student's account. The Robert H. Short Scholars will be required to continue applying for FAFSA related grants and additional scholarships and grants throughout their college years. Therefore, the award amount will vary by student, depending on the amount of the student's other scholarships and grants received.

- Students who select a public university may receive up to \$15,000/year for up to four years.
- Students who select a private, nonprofit college or university may receive up to \$25,000/year for up to four years.
- The award will not exceed the Direct Cost of Attendance as reported by the college or university plus books.

**Eligibility:**

High school seniors who meet ***all*** of these requirements may apply:

- Proving residency in Cumberland County, NC
- Graduating from a high school in Cumberland County, NC the spring after the application deadline (Eligibility includes all high schools, early colleges, and homeschool)
- Entering a nonprofit college or university within six months of high school graduation as a full time, matriculating student (For-profit colleges / universities not eligible)
- Minimum cumulative GPA:
  - If the high school does not weight, an unweighted cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher
  - If the high school weights, a weighted cumulative grade point average of 4.2 or higher
- Proving PELL eligibility (Requires FAFSA application. See [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/basic-criteria>)
- Submitting a completed application with all supporting information

- Important note: A complete application requires the student to start early and:
  - Complete the FAFSA and receive their Student Aid Report (SAR)
  - Receive three letters of recommendation
  - Submit high school transcripts

This award is not available to students attending a for-profit educational institution.

**Priorities:**

The scoring of the applications for the Robert H. Short Scholar Program will be based on *three components* of the application to be considered *with equal weight (1/3 of the points each category)*:

- Financial need
- Academic achievement
- Community service and/or work history

**Program Timeline:**

The 2019/2020 academic year is the first year of the new Robert H. Short Scholars Program and changes to this document may be made for the purpose of clarification. *Always check [www.cumberlandcf.org](http://www.cumberlandcf.org) and click on Scholarships for updated information.*

- October 1, 2018 – FAFSA application available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- November 8, 2018 – The online application available at [www.cumberlandcf.org](http://www.cumberlandcf.org) Click on “Scholarships” tab
- December 10, 2018 at 11:59 PM – Deadline to submit the application
- January 21 - 25, 2019 – In person applicant interviews, as needed
- February 21, 2019 – Applicants will be notified of the status which may include “Offered,” “Alternate,” or “Declined.”
- April 30, 2019 – Deadline to notify CCF of college or university selected and other awards, grants, and scholarships received.
- May 15, 2019 – Final award determined and reported to student.
- July 1, 2019 – The first award payments are available beginning July 1 and subject to verification of enrollment in the college or university.

**Annual renewability:**

The award is renewable up to four years subject to certain conditions:

- Student has maintained full time enrollment in good standing in a qualified nonprofit college or university
- Student has a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher
- Student has demonstrated financial need

- Student submits the renewal request on or before the deadline (*Date to be announced. Check website.*)

**For More Information:**

- Visit [www.cumberlandcf.org](http://www.cumberlandcf.org) and click on Scholarships.
- Read all documentation thoroughly.
- Attend an information session, if needed. (The information in this document will be repeated.)

Registration is required via the Robert H. Short Scholars page on the website.

- November 15, 2018 3:30-4:30 p.m.

***Cumberland Community Foundation is honored to administer this endowed scholarship program in memory of Robert H. “Bob” Short.***

***The End***

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