North Cross School

Merit-based Scholarships

Founders' Scholarship Program

2015–16

North Cross School is excited to honor Founders' Scholars through merit-based scholarships. This program, initiated by generous donors, is designed to maintain and grow the high quality of our student body.

The purpose of the Founders' Scholarship program is to attract and retain the best and brightest students in the Roanoke Valley and to assist these students in their efforts to attend North Cross School. Applicants must demonstrate excellence in academics, extra-curricular interests, leadership, and community service. Although applicants' interests will vary, the common bond among them is their passion and determination to achieve academic success and become future leaders in their communities. Recipients of these scholarships will have demonstrated the ability and potential to fulfill the vision of the school's founders.

Application Requirements

Qualified applicants will have and maintain a GPA of 3.5 or greater and excel in one or more extra-curricular activities. These applicants will have demonstrated good character, citizenship, strong leadership abilities, and dedication to serving the community.

In addition to the Founders' Scholarship application, all applicants must complete the school's admission application and/or finalize re-enrollment. The completion of this application does not constitute admission to North Cross School or receipt of scholarship.

Awarding of Scholarships

The Founders' Scholarship Committee consists of the Headmaster, Middle and Upper School Division Directors, Director of Admission, a representative from the Board of Trustees, and a faculty representative from the Middle and Upper Schools.

The committee considers all applications on a name-blind basis.

Available scholarship dollars will be expended to the extent of deserving applicants. Awards are applied as a percentage of the students' annual tuition, with a maximum of 50 percent awarded to each student. Preference for applicants will be for upper school students although exceptional middle school students may be considered. Need-based assistance can be awarded in conjunction; however, the application process is separate and the combined awards may not be greater than 85 percent of tuition.

To retain eligibility for merit-based scholarships, Founders' Scholars must continue to honorably demonstrate those ideals upon which the scholarship is based: excellence in academics, extra-curricular interests, leadership, and community service. Recipients must maintain a two-year cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better, with no individual trimester GPA of less than 3.33. A breach of the Honor Code or significant disciplinary offense will invalidate continued receipt of the award.

Application Process

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To be considered for the Founders' Scholarship Program, candidates need to complete and/or submit the following materials as a complete packet to the Director of Admission and Financial Assistance. Founders' applications for returning students are due no later than April 1, 2015, with awards announced in May. Founders' applications for new students are accepted with admission applications throughout the year. Preference for applicants will be for upper school students although exceptional middle school students may be considered.

- ☐ Recent standardized testing *(form included)*
- ☐ Activities and achievements *(form included)*
- ☐ Letter of recommendation *(form included)*
- ☐ Essay: Please provide a thoughtful and thorough response to one of the following questions (400 word minimum).
  - **Of which academic or extracurricular activity or achievement are you most proud? How has it been meaningful to you? How would you use this activity or build upon this achievement at North Cross School?**
  - **What is something you would immediately like to pursue or build upon? Where do you see yourself in five years? In ten?**
- ☐ Finalize admission application and/or re-enrollment online—In addition to the Founders' Scholarship application, all applicants must complete the school's admission application and/or finalize re-enrollment. The Founders' Scholarship Committee will use school transcript, with GPA and class rank, from official school records.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

North Cross School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, or any other legally protected status in the administration of its educational, admission, financial aid or employment policies, or any other programs administered by the School.

Scholarship Application

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Applicant's Name_____
First *Middle* *Last*

Current School_____ 2015-16 Grade _____

The committee considers all applications on a name-blind basis. The above information will not be made available to the Founders' Scholarship Committee during the selection process.

Recent Standardized Testing

Dates and scores of most recent standardized testing (if applicable):

OLSAT Date_____ Scores_____ **PSAT** Date _____ Scores _____

ERB Date_____ Scores_____ **SAT** Date _____ Scores _____

SOL Date_____ Scores_____ **ACT** Date _____ Scores _____

OTHER Date_____ Test _____ Scores _____

Activities and Achievements

You may write in the space below, or submit your responses in a separate document.

Academic awards and achievements	Dates of participation or date of award received

Fine arts activities and achievements	Dates of participation or date of award received

Athletic activities and achievements	Dates of participation or date of award received

Other activities and achievements (other school-related activities, non-school related activities, community service, etc.)	Dates of participation or date of award received

We understand that if selected information submitted in this application may be used to announce and/or promote the Founders' Scholarship Program and its scholars.

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian_____Date_____

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian_____Date_____

Signature of Applicant_____Date_____

Please return this application along with the requested materials to the Director of Admission and Financial Assistance.

Letter of Recommendation

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Student/Parent

Applicant's Name_____ Application for Grade _____

I authorize the following requested information to be released to North Cross School, and I agree that I will not seek access to this information before or after the application decision is made.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Recommendation from _____
First *Middle* *Last*

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

This information is confidential and will be used only for the application process.

The above-named student is applying for a Founders' Scholarship at North Cross School, an independent, coeducational, college-preparatory school offering instruction from age three through grade 12, for the upcoming academic year.

Applicants must demonstrate excellence in academics, good character, citizenship, extra-curricular interests, leadership, and community service. Although applicants' interests will vary, the common bond among them is their passion and determination to achieve academic success and become future leaders in their communities. Recipients of these scholarships will have demonstrated the ability and potential to fulfill the vision of the school's founders.

Please address the following questions in regard to the applicant. You may write in the space below, or submit your responses in a separate document.

How long have you known the applicant? In what context (teacher, coach, outside of school, etc.)?

Citing specific examples, please explain how has the applicant demonstrated excellence in academics, extra-curricular interests, leadership, and/or community service? Please add any additional information that may be helpful in our evaluation of this applicant. Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper.

Please return this completed form directly to: Amy Jackson, Director of Admission and Financial Assistance, North Cross School, 4254 Colonial Avenue, Roanoke, VA, 24018, fax 540-989-7299, or e-mail ajackson@northcross.org.