

Pop and Marj Kelly Merit Scholarship Application FACT SHEET

The scholarship awards are open to all students who will graduate in 2026 from Pisgah High School, Tuscola High School, Central Haywood High School, Bethel Christian Academy, Haywood Christian Academy, Shining Rock Classical Academy or Haywood County Homeschools. He/She must be planning to attend Haywood Community College and have a 3.5 or better GPA. There will be five \$10,000 scholarships available. Selected recipients will be awarded \$2,500 a semester for up to four semesters.

Eligibility Criteria

- 2026 High School Graduate of Pisgah High School, Tuscola High School, Central Haywood High School, Bethel Christian Academy, Haywood Christian Academy, Shining Rock Classical Academy or Haywood County Homeschools
 - 3.5 or better GPA (Unweighted)
- Have completed the 2026-2027 FAFSA
- Participation in extracurricular activities and involvement in community service
- Scholastic Achievement
- Financial Need

Process and Award

A selection committee comprised of members of the Scholarship Committee of the Haywood Community College Foundation Board of Directors will determine the recipients of the scholarship.

Retaining Scholarship

If a student receives the Pop and Marj Kelly Merit Scholarship, they must maintain a 3.0 GPA, at fulltime student status, each of the four semesters while in attendance at Haywood Community College.

Payment of Awards

Payment of scholarship awards will be made at the beginning of each semester. A copy of the previous semester grades is required to be submitted to the scholarship manager before further payment will occur. Scholarship funds will be transmitted automatically to the student's account pending all requirements are met. **It is the responsibility of the student to turn grades in at the end of each semester.** Haywood Community College reserves the right to revoke the scholarship if the guidelines are not met.

Availability of Applications

Applications will be available for pick-up in the Guidance Office at Pisgah, Tuscola, Central Haywood High School, Bethel Christian Academy, Haywood Christian Academy and Shining Rock Classical Academy. They will also be available at Haywood Community College in the Balsam Building and on the website at: <https://www.haywood.edu/financial-aid/scholarships.php>

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- **Recent Nationally Standardized Test Score (ACT or SAT) optional**
- **Official High School Transcript**
- **Communities and personal activities statement**
- **School activities statement**
- **Work experience statement**
- **Essay**
- **Three Letters of Reference from teachers, employers, and community members. (Letters from immediate family will NOT be accepted.)**
- **2026-27 FAFSA confirmation page**
- **Completed Application**

Submit your application by Friday April 3, 2026 to:

hcc-scholarships@haywood.edu

or

**Haywood Community College
Diana Conard
185 Freedlander Drive (100 Building, Foundation Office)
Clyde, NC 28721**

I. STUDENT INFORMATION: (Please print or type)

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please list extracurricular activities in which you have participated during the **past four** years. (Include clubs, school sports, student government, other honors/awards).

ACTIVITY

NO./YEARS

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS,
LETTERS EARNED, AWARDS,
RECOGNITION, ETC.

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COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

Please list community, religious and personal activities in which you have participated during the **past four** years. Include volunteer work, youth programs, athletic programs, music, dance, scouting, 4-H, and hobbies to which you have devoted time.

ACTIVITY

NO./YEARS

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS,
LETTERS EARNED, AWARDS,
RECOGNITION, ETC.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Please list any work experience (including self-employment) you have had during the past four years. (Include employment during the school year and summer months.) Complete this information beginning with your most recent work experience.

EMPLOYER

POSITION

DATES OF EMPLOYMENT

HR/WK

AMOUNTEARNED

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STUDENT NAME: _____

ESSAY:

In 500 words or less, explain your college degree interest, including how you developed this interest and what profession you may wish to pursue. Please include any other facts about yourself that you would like to share and how this scholarship will impact your decision to attend HCC . Please attach typed essay to application when turning in.

CERTIFICATION:

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship made. I also certify that I have read the instructions and will comply with all requests for grade reports, transcripts and change in plans, should I receive a scholarship.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return complete application with supporting materials by **Friday, April 3, 2026** to:

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or

Foundation Scholarship Coordinator
Haywood Community College
185 Freedlander Drive, Student Services (100 Building)
Clyde, NC 28721