

# KEARNS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

"A Rigorous Computer Science School Where Critical, Creative, and Innovative Thinking and Ideas Are Nurtured"



**Dr. Bryan O. Johnson**

## **Finish Strong, Reflect, and Stay Thankful**

As the end of the semester quickly approaches, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our entire Kearns Academy family. Your dedication, resilience, and commitment to excellence make our school an incredible place to learn, grow, and thrive.

## **Finish the Semester Strong**

With only a few weeks left, it's important to stay focused and maintain your momentum. Remember, while you can't always control what happens, you can control your attitude and effort. Approach each day with purpose and determination, and you'll be amazed by what you can achieve.

## **Exam Schedule Coming Soon**

Be on the lookout for the release of the exam schedule. Preparing ahead of time will help reduce stress and set you up for success. Start reviewing your notes, asking questions, and seeking clarification now to make exam week as smooth as possible.

## **Open Communication Matters**

A reminder to all students and parents: keep communicating with your teachers. Whether you need help understanding a concept or advice on study strategies, your teachers are here to support you. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or need assistance.

## **A Season to Be Thankful**

With Thanksgiving around the corner, it's the perfect time to reflect on the many blessings we share as a community. I am especially thankful for the Kearns Academy Family—students, parents, teachers, and staff—who bring kindness, support, and positivity into our halls every day. Let's use this season to appreciate not just our achievements, but also the connections and friendships we value.

## **A Daily Reminder: Be Brave, Kind, and Strong**

As we continue through these last weeks, remember to carry with you the values we uphold at Kearns Academy. Be brave in your pursuits, kind in your interactions, and strong when facing challenges. These qualities will serve you well, not just now, but for life.

## **Winter Break Is Just Around the Corner**

Winter break is approaching fast, but before we get there, let's make sure we finish this semester on a high note. Continue to give your all and take pride in your effort. You've worked hard, and your perseverance will pay off.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to making Kearns Academy such a special place. I wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with joy, gratitude, and reflection. Let's make the most of these last weeks together and close out the semester with pride and accomplishment.

# Dates To Remember

## November 2024

- 11/4 - Mandatory Workday (**NO SCHOOL!**)
- 11/5 - Optional Workday (**NO SCHOOL!**)
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day Holiday (**NO SCHOOL!**)
- 11/13 - World Kindness Day
- 11/18-22 - American Education Week
- 11/18-22 - National Hunger & Homelessness Week
- 11/19 - ACT Work Keys (Seniors Only)
- 11/19 - Picture Retakes
- 11/21 - The Great American Smokeout
- 11/27-29 - Thanksgiving Holidays (**NO SCHOOL!**)

**\*\*November is Native American Heritage Month**

## December 2024

- 12/7 - Saturday School 9:30am-12:00pm (Transportation not provided)
- 12/10 - National Human Rights Day
- 12/14 - Saturday School 9:30am-12:00pm (Transportation not provided)
- 12/15 - Bill of Rights Day
- 12/12-20 - Kearns Exams (schedule forthcoming)
- 12/20 - Quarter 2 Ends
- 12/23 -1/3 - Winter Holidays (**NO SCHOOL!**)

**\*\*December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month**

## January 2025

- 1/1 - New Year's Day Holiday (**NO SCHOOL!**)
- 1/2 - Vacation Day (**NO SCHOOL!**)
- 1/3 - Optional Teacher Workday (**NO SCHOOL!**)
- 1/6 - Students Return; Quarter 3 begins
- 1/20 - Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday (**NO SCHOOL!**)
- 1/27 - Optional Workday (**NO SCHOOL!**)

## ATTENDANCE

The weather is getting colder; the days are getting shorter; and cold/flu season is upon us. But school is happening every day as scheduled.

Did you know that students who miss 9 or more days of school, risk staying engaged, being academically successful, and get offtrack to graduate?

The Kearns Academy school day is from 9:15a.m. to 4:15p.m. Students are expected to be present and on time each day. If a student must be absent due to illness, death of a family member, observance of religious holiday, or any other reason excused by school officials, parents must write a note stating date, student name, reason for absence, and parent signature. The note should be given to the front office staff within 3 days of absence to be coded excused.

Let's all strive to "Be Here to Get There". The future depends on your presence and participation daily. For more information, refer to The Kearns Academy Student Handbook or contact Ms. Harris, School Social Worker at 336-885-7905 ext. 1207.



**November 17-23, 2024**



### Did you know??

- 47 million Americans are food insecure, meaning they do not have access to enough nutritious, affordable food;
- 580,000 Americans are homeless on a typical night;
- Many people who are hungry are working, going to school, or are actively seeking work, but do not make enough money to purchase an adequate amount of nutritious food;
- More than 34 million people, including 9 million children, in the U.S. do not have food in their homes on a daily basis?

If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness or food insecurity, please contact Ms. Harris, School Social Worker at Kearns Academy.

# *Kearns Students Attend SAS Discovery Day.*

In October, 27 Kearns students recently visited SAS software company in Cary, NC to learn about the company, how to make themselves more marketable to future employers, and about the internship opportunities at SAS. Students attended a panel session and breakout groups to learn about the company and how to effectively use social media to promote their brand.



# *Kearns Students Present at the AIM Conference*

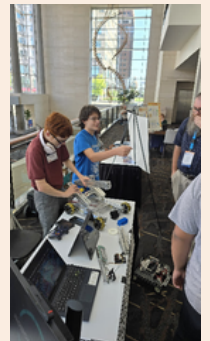
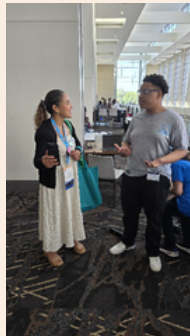
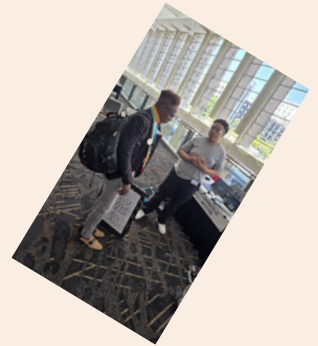
Kearns students ( Scott Chesson, Amiyah Miller, William Bolton, and Johnathan Guevara) recently presented at the AIM Conference hosted by NCDPI at the Raliegh Convention Center. The students presented a four-part presentation on "Be Mal Aware" and how to Stay Cyber Safe. The presentation included tips on password management, avoiding phishing scams, using updates and antivirus software to protect your computer, and protecting yourself when using social media. Dr McKenzie of GCS Blended Learning was one of the audience members.

Kearns also presented 3 student showcases on app design, robotics, and cybersecurity. Students had the opportunity to share their knowledge with the participants of the AIM Conference which included Cathy Truitt, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Sal Khan, CEO of Khan Academy.



# THE ROBOTICS TEAM

In October, The Kearns Robotics Team participated in the NC AIM Conference in Raleigh, NC. AIM stands for Accelerate. Invigorate. Motivate. We are so proud of our team for representing Kearns Academy well!!



# Student Government Leads Efforts to Aid Boone Flood Victims

In the wake of the devastating floods that recently struck Boone, NC, the student government has stepped up to provide much-needed relief to the affected community. The flooding, which destroyed numerous homes and disrupted countless lives, has left many residents without basic necessities such as running water and electricity.

Recognizing the urgent need for support, the student government organized a donation drive to collect essential items for the flood victims. The response from students, faculty, and the local community has been overwhelmingly positive, with donations pouring in from all corners.

The collected donations have been put to immediate use, providing critical assistance to those in need. The student government's initiative has not only provided tangible support but has also fostered a sense of solidarity and hope among the residents of Boone.

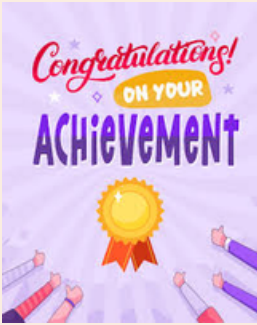
The student government facilitator, Sandra Cordova, shared, "It's heartwarming to see our community come together in such a meaningful way. Every contribution, no matter how small, is making a significant difference in the lives of those affected by this disaster."

In addition to the ongoing relief efforts, plans are in progress to adopt a family over the holiday season. This initiative aims to address specific needs that the family is still lacking, ensuring they have the support and resources necessary to rebuild their lives.

For those who wish to contribute, the donation drive is still ongoing, and every bit of help is appreciated. Together, we can make a difference and help Boone recover from this challenging time.



# A Few Things...



**Congratulations!!!** - The Choice Schools and Programs recognized Kearns Academy during the GCS Choice Showcase with the Excellence in Engagement Award for their exemplary interactive demonstrations and outstanding student involvement that provided visitors with authentic firsthand experiences of their educational approach. Outstanding job Kearns Team!!!

**Turkey Giveaway** - The Out of The Garden Project will host a Turkey Give-Away at their warehouse (Address: 300 NC Hwy 68 South, Greensboro, NC 27409) on Monday November 25 from 4:00 - 6:00. This distribution is intended for families with children in need of food. ALL families who meet this criterion are welcomed regardless of immigration status. You can learn more about Out of The Garden Project at <https://outofthegardenproject.org/> See flyer in this newsletter.



**Discover South Africa** - Students are you interested in participating in an educational trip to South Africa in 2025? An interest meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21st at 6:00pm at Southeast Middle School media center (4825 Woody Mill Rd, Greensboro NC 27406). This trip is organized by Ms. Dorice Isaac who has led multiple student international travel groups. It's open to all students in grades 6th-12th. This is not sponsored by Southeast Middle or Guilford County Schools. For more information, see attached flyer or <https://bit.ly/DSAinfo24>

**The Great American Smokeout (GASO)** is Thursday, November 21, 2024.

It is a day to encourage those that vape or smoke to quit for a day. This resource from the GCS Vaping Prevention Toolkit can be shared with students - Cessation Programs for Youth Who Want to Quit Vaping at an informational table or on a bulletin board. You can find more information and resources at the American Cancer Society.



# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

GUILFORD NATIVE AMERICAN ASSOC  
GCS AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION  
BANK OF AMERICA



**Nov 20, 2024 5:30-8pm, Grand Entry 6pm**  
**Western Guilford Middle School | 401 College Rd.**

# **Out of the Garden Project TURKEY GIVE-AWAY**



## **Out of the Garden Project Warehouse**

**300 NC Hwy 68 South  
Greensboro, NC 27409**

**Monday 11.25.2024 | 4:00-6:00**

**Out of the Garden Project**  
**REGALO DE PAVO**  
**Turkey Give-Away**



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**Out of the Garden Project**  
300 NC Hwy 68 South  
Greensboro, NC 27409  
Lunes 11.25.2024 | 4:00-6:00



# Attention, Students! Parents! Families!

You are invited to learn more about an amazing opportunity for your middle/high school child to take an educational trip to

## Discover South Africa

Multi-destinations including ... JOHANNESBURG, DURBAN, NATIONAL PARKS, CRADLE OF HUMANITY, CAPE TOWN

Culture



History



Wildlife



Nature

*Experience it all in a potentially once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit a location we've only read about or seen on TV!*

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am thrilled to share this travel opportunity for your student!  
Learn more about this exciting tour at an informational  
Family Meeting where we'll discuss:

- How this opportunity will benefit your student
- What we will see/do on our trip
- Everything included in this experience
- How we're keeping this safe & affordable
- How to enroll during EF's risk-free enrollment period
- And more

I look forward to seeing you there!

**Ms Dorice Isaac**

Group Leader

*\*It is  
MANDATORY to  
attend the Info Meeting  
or make contact with  
Ms. Isaac prior to  
enrolling.*



**This is not limited to SEMS/SEHS  
students so invite a friend or share info!**

**RSVP to attend an Informa  
Meeting to learn more!\***

Can't make it but want more info? RSVP & select "I can't make it".

**<https://bit.ly/DSAinfo24>**

**Thursday, November 21**

**6:00pm**

**SE Middle Media Center**

**4825 Woody Mill Rd  
Greensboro 27406**



**NOTE:** This trip is not sponsored by SE Middle or Guilford County Schools. Travel is sponsored by the well-established leader in Global Student Travel **EF Tours (Education First)** with **Ms. Dorice Isaac** as a group leader/trip coordinator. My previous trips with **EF Tours** have included Italy, Spain, Monaco, France, Costa Rica and Greece! More info on EF Tours & policies can be found at [www.eftours.com](http://www.eftours.com) or by contacting customer service at **800-665-5364**.



*Ms. K. Graham*

If you're not receiving emails from me, please send me an email at [grahamk2@gcsnc.com](mailto:grahamk2@gcsnc.com), so I can add you to my email list.



Micah, Kingston, & Jose for submitting Governor School applications. No matter how far you make it, I'm proud of your hard work and dedication. You will represent Kearns Academy well! -Ms. Graham

All sophomores will be completing the You Science aptitude test. You Science connects student's aptitudes to careers and educational pathways. This platform uses the student's aptitude data to identify strengths, align education, and connect talents to opportunities. Once students have completed their You Science assessment, they can see Ms. Graham for their results.



# Do You Know How To Read A Transcript??

10/29/24, 11:56 AM NC Transcript

October 29, 2024 Student Name: SquarePants, SpongeBob Kearns Academy Student No: 12296189 School No: 410407

The Kearns Academy at Central  
1710 McGuinn Dr.  
High Point, NC 27265  
(336) 885-7905  
Official NC Transcript

10/29/2024

STUDENT INFORMATION  
Name: SquarePants, SpongeBob  
Address: 124 Comch St.  
Bikini Bottom  
3364933935  
Contacts: SquarePants, Mrs.  
SquarePants, Mr.

Student No: 12296189  
Birthdate: 07/14/1986  
Sex: Male  
Graduation Date: 05/23/2024  
Course Of Study: Future Ready Core  
Endorsement(s)\*: No  
CTE Concentrator\*\*:  
Math Rigor: Yes

SCHOOL INFORMATION  
Principal: Bryan Johnson  
(336) 885-7905  
L.E.A.: Guilford County Schools  
(336) 370-8100

School No: 410407  
Accreditation: SA  
College Board Code: 341847

CREDIT HISTORY

Course	Mark	Weighted	Unweighted	Earned Credits	Flags
Grade: 9 2020/21					
42095X0 Amer His: Found Prin, Civ & Econ Honors / AMER HIS: FNDG PRIN, CIV&EC HONORS	60	1.500	1.000	1.00	U
BP415X0 Computer Science I Honors / COMPUTER PRINCIPLES I HONORS	71	2.500	2.000	1.00	
35015X0 Earth/Environmental Science Honors / EARTH/ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE HONORS	70	2.500	2.000	1.00	U
20902X0 Foundations of NC Math 1 / FOUNDATIONS OF NC MATH 1	70	2.000	2.000	1.00	
0A027X0 AP Computer Science Principles / AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES	55	0.000	0.000	0.00	
10215X0 English I Honors / ENGLISH I HONORS	78	2.500	2.000	1.00	U
21092X0 NC Math 1 / NC MATH 1	60	1.000	1.000	1.00	U
60492X0 Health and PE Grades 9-12 / PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH I	98	4.000	4.000	1.00	
Grade: 10 2021/22					
WB415X0 CTE Advanced Studies INFO Honors / ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE I HONORS	62	1.500	1.000	1.00	
33205X0 Biology Honors / BIOLOGY I HONORS	72	2.500	2.000	1.00	U
10225X0 HONORS	73	2.500	2.000	1.00	U
11412X0 English II Honors / ENGLISH II HONORS	70	2.000	2.000	1.00	U
CC455X0 Spanish I / SPANISH I Career Management Honors / CAREER MANAGEMENT HONORS	75	2.500	2.000	1.00	
22095X0 NC Math 2 Honors / NC MATH 2 HONORS	74	2.500	2.000	1.00	U
11422X0 Spanish II / SPANISH II	64	1.000	1.000	1.00	U
41035X0 World History Honors / WORLD HISTORY HONORS	91	4.000	4.000	1.00	U

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Course	Mark	Weighted	Unweighted	Earned Credits	Flags
43115X0 American History Honors / AMERICAN HISTORY HONORS	92	4.500	4.000	1.00	U
43195X0 Economics and Personal Finance Honors / ECONOMICS & PERSONAL FINANCE HONORS	88	3.500	3.000	1.00	U
60292X0 PE Grades 9-12 / LIFETIME SPORTS I	90	4.000	4.000	1.00	
52162X0 Music Special, (Beginning) / MUSIC SPEC(BEG):MUSIC APPRECIATION ALVS	76	2.000	2.000	1.00	
34205X0 Chemistry Honors / CHEMISTRY I HONORS	70	2.500	2.000	1.00	U
10235X0 English III Honors / ENGLISH III HONORS	77	2.500	2.000	1.00	U
23095X0 NC Math 3 Honors / NC MATH 3 HONORS	60	1.500	1.000	1.00	U
Grade: 12 2023/24					
10245X0 English IV Honors / ENGLISH IV HONORS	81	3.500	3.000	1.00	U
24095X0 NC Math 4 Honors / NC MATH 4 HONORS	62	1.500	1.000	1.00	U
60292X0 PE Grades 9-12 / WEIGHT TRAINING (BEGINNING)	90	4.000	4.000	1.00	
BA102X0 Accounting I / ACCOUNTING I EOA	70	2.000	2.000	1.00	
60292X0 PE Grades 9-12 / LIFETIME SPORTS II	100	4.000	4.000	1.00	

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION  
No. of Credits Remaining: 0

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Cumulative GPA Total Points are Calculated as of the end of 10/29/2024

Cumulative GPA: 2.5179  
Unweighted GPA: 2.2143  
18 out of 28

Total GPA  
Points  
Total Points Weighted: 62.0000  
Total Points Unweighted: 28.0000  
Total GPA High School Credits: 27.000  
Total Credits Toward Graduation: 27.000

Test Name / Score Name

Test Date

Test Name / Score Name	Score	Test Date
CPR / Pass	Pass	06/01/202
Math I End of Course	Not Proficient	
Math I EOC Achievement_Level	533	
Math I EOC_Scale	3	
Math I EOC_Percentile	Not Proficient	06/01/202
Math I End of Course	535	
Math I EOC Achievement_Level	8	
Math I EOC_Scale	44	
Math I EOC_Percentile	Not Proficient	06/01/2021
Biology End of Course	246	
Biology EOC Achievement_Level	540	
Biology EOC_Scale	19	
Biology EOC_Percentile	Not Proficient	01/01/2022
English II End of Course	Met	
English II EOC_Scale	33	
English II EOC_Percentile	542	
English II Achievement_Level		
CC45-CCWR - Career Mgt Media Rules		05/01/202
CTE Industry Recognized Credential		
NC Math 3 End of Course	2	
NC Math 3 EOC_Percentile		
NC Math 3 EOC_Scale		06/01/202

# Scholarships & Opportunities

## Cash for College



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Virtual



November 14th



6 - 7 PM



# SUMMER VENTURES

## IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics is a no-cost, state-funded program for academically talented North Carolina students who aspire to careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. You will have the opportunity to engage in research with faculty and get hands-on experience at ECU, UNC-C, UNC-W, or App State in Summer 2025.



## FALL 2024 INFO SESSIONS VIA ZOOM

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### OCTOBER

You Belong in Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics

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### DECEMBER

Summer Ventures Showcase Your STEM Self!

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### NOVEMBER

You Belong in Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics

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### JANUARY

Summer Ventures Last Minute Questions. **Application Due Jan 5.**

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### DECEMBER

Summer Ventures: Application Details and Essays

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### MORE

NCSSM Admissions offers other webinars for all applicants and for all NCSSM programs.

REGISTER



[bitly.com/svsm-2024](https://bitly.com/svsm-2024)

LEARN MORE



[www.summerventures.org](http://www.summerventures.org)



North Carolina  
School of Science  
and Mathematics



# Fidelity Scholars Program

The Fidelity Scholars Program isn't just a scholarship; it's a comprehensive support system designed to empower you to achieve your full potential. More than just financial assistance, this program provides a wealth of resources and the support to complete your degree.



## Scholarship

Financial support to alleviate the burden of educational expenses, allowing you to focus on your studies and personal growth.



## Mental Health Support

Tools and support you need to thrive academically and personally.



## College Success Coaches

Get support with navigating the college campus, coursework, and your scholarship.



## Financial Education

Financial literacy skills to navigate complexities of managing finances during and after college.



## Mentors

Connect with experienced Fidelity Mentors for guidance and inspiration.

## The Scholarship

Bachelor's degree recipients may be funded for up-to four years of study.

As a need-based scholarship, the amount of financial support provided will depend on the cost of attendance determined by the in-state college or university in which you are enrolling. This is a last-dollar approach. That means your scholarship funds will only be applied after your family contribution and all other financial aid sources have been granted, greatly reducing the need for you to take out loans and incur educational debt related to the cost of attendance.

**Last year, the Fidelity Scholars Program awarded more than \$2.85 million scholarships to 200 students.**

## Eligibility

The program is open to historically under-resourced and underrepresented students who are permanent residents of Colorado, the District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Texas.

- 2.5 - 3.5 unweighted GPA or GED
- Pell eligible and/or demonstrate financial need
- Attend an in-state college or university



**Apply by January 30, 2025**  
**Learn more at**  
**[UNCF.org/fidelityscholars](https://UNCF.org/fidelityscholars)**



## Scholarship Opportunities for Guilford County Students

Click [here](#) to access our online application portal.

***The Jason Christopher James Memorial Scholarship*** applications are due **February 7, 2025**. One \$7,500 award will be given to a student interested in politics, international relations, traveling, and studying/living abroad.

***The Herman and Earline Herbin Scholarship*** applications are due **March 2, 2025**. Two \$1,750 renewable scholarships will be awarded to two Guilford County high school seniors. The scholarship is primarily need based, but academic standing will be a secondary determining factor.

***The Thomas and Bettie O'Briant Scholarship*** applications are due **March 2, 2025**. One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded and is renewable for up to four years. This award is based on need and academic achievement.

***The Kay Hagan Memorial Scholarship*** applications are due **February 15, 2025**. This scholarship is intended for a female high school senior with a passion for community and civic leadership. The \$1,000 scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years.

***The William Bryant Evans and Lucy Teague Evans Memorial Scholarship*** is intended for students living in the McCleansville area. The \$1,000 renewable award is based on need and academic achievement. Applications are due **March 2, 2025**.

Please contact Connie Leeper at [cleeper@cfgg.org](mailto:cleeper@cfgg.org) or (336) 790-6613 if you have any questions.

## **John R. Kernodle, Jr. Memorial Teaching Scholarship 2025**

The John R. Kernodle, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was established in 1996 by a group of Guilford County citizens to honor the memory of John R. Kernodle, Jr. The purpose of the fund is to provide **scholarships for future teachers** to fund their undergraduate studies. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need and merit to graduating seniors of the Guilford County Schools System who are legal residents of North Carolina. Special consideration will be given to students attending North Carolina colleges and universities. Each year, the award will cover (up to a maximum of \$10,000) tuition and fees, on-campus room and meals, and books and supplies. This scholarship is renewable contingent on the recipient maintaining a 3.0 cumulative GPA each year of college. Following graduation, Kernodle Scholars will be required to serve for a minimum of three years following graduation as a full-time teacher in grades K-12 in North Carolina public schools, with a strong preference for service in Guilford County.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the scholarship:

- A commitment to the field of public education
- Breadth of interests
- Potential for success at the college level
- A commitment to community service
- Concern for others
- Extracurricular involvement
- Financial need will be considered, but is not a mandatory factor

Kernodle Scholars must:

1. Be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student and pursue studies leading to licensure at graduation to teach in North Carolina public schools.
2. Maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout college. If a recipient fails to do so, he/she will be required to repay all funds paid to date that were received from the John R. Kernodle, Jr. Scholarship Fund.
3. Achieve a degree for employment as a teacher in grades K-12 or the recipient will be required to repay all funds received from the John R. Kernodle, Jr. Scholarship Fund.
4. Meet the three-year teaching commitment, or the recipient will be required to repay all funds received from the John R. Kernodle, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

Click [here](#) to access our online application portal.

Questions? Contact Connie Leeper at [cleeper@cfigg.org](mailto:cleeper@cfigg.org) or 336.790-6613.

## 2025 ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



The Elks National Foundation awards **\$2.52 million** in college scholarships to a total of 500 high school seniors nationwide through its Most Valuable Student contest.

### ELIGIBILITY

High School Senior and United States Citizen

### JUDGING CRITERIA



Academics



Leadership



Service



Financial Need

### 500 FOUR-YEAR AWARDS\*

► 480 scholarships worth **\$4,000**

► 20 scholarships worth **\$30,000**

*\*Awards paid over four years*

### APPLICATIONS

Available online starting **August 1, 2024**  
at [cnf.elks.org/MVS](https://cnf.elks.org/MVS)

### DEADLINE

On or before **November 12, 2024**  
Counselor Report due **November 19, 2024**



Elks National Foundation, Inc.  
2750 N. Lakeview Avenue | Chicago, IL 60614  
[cnf.elks.org/scholars](https://cnf.elks.org/scholars) | [scholarships@elks.org](mailto:scholarships@elks.org)

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ELKS FAMILIES



### LEGACY AWARDS

The Elks National Foundation awards **\$1.4 million** in college scholarships worth **\$4,000** each to a total of 350 children and grandchildren of Elks members.

### ELIGIBILITY

College-bound high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks are encouraged to apply. Visit [cnf.elks.org/leg](https://cnf.elks.org/leg) for full eligibility details.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

Applications are evaluated based on their commitment to the core values of the ENF:

- Knowledge
- Charity
- Community Service
- Integrity

### SERVICE

Legacy scholars are required to serve with the Elks throughout college to receive their scholarship funds. Visit [cnf.elks.org/LegVolunteer](https://cnf.elks.org/LegVolunteer) to learn more.

### APPLICATIONS

Available online starting **September 1, 2024**  
at [cnf.elks.org/leg](https://cnf.elks.org/leg).

### DEADLINE

On or before **February 3, 2025**.

Elks National Foundation, Inc.  
2750 N. Lakeview Avenue | Chicago, IL 60614  
[cnf.elks.org/scholars](https://cnf.elks.org/scholars) | [scholarship@elks.org](mailto:scholarship@elks.org)

## 2025 CONTEST TIMELINE

### AUGUST 1, 2024

- Applications Available at [cnf.elks.org/MVS](https://cnf.elks.org/MVS)



### NOVEMBER 12, 2024

- Application Deadline

### DECEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025

- Lodge and District Judging
- State Quarter-Finalists Notified
- Supplemental Materials Required (Transcript and FAFSA Submission Summary)

### FEBRUARY 2025

- State Judging

### MARCH 2025

- 500 National Semi-Finalists Notified
- Semi-Finalist Application Opens
- National Judging
- Top 20 Finalists Selected to Attend Leadership Weekend and receive \$30,000

### MAY 1-4, 2025

- Leadership Weekend in Chicago



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Applicants will be notified via email at each stage of the competition by the Elks National Foundation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all eligibility and application requirements are met.

There is no guarantee of a financial award until applicants reach the national level.

Many Lodges, Districts and State Elks Associations also award



## EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Undergraduate financial assistance for children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to **\$5,000**. This grant is for educational assistance only and is not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Attend an accredited U.S. college or university as a full-time (12 semester hours) undergraduate student.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be unmarried and under the age of 24 during the academic year for which assistance is desired.

### APPLICATIONS

Available by request between **May 1** and **December 31** of the academic year for which assistance is desired.

To request an application, contact the ENF Scholarship Office at 773/755-4732 or [scholarship@elks.org](mailto:scholarship@elks.org).

### LEARN MORE

For more information about Emergency Educational Grants, visit [cnf.elks.org/EEG](https://cnf.elks.org/EEG).

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# Winter Self Care

- Plan a “snow day” with a friend (stay in for movies & hot cocoa!)
- Get comfy in bed & start a new book
- Have a dance party in your bedroom to all your favorite songs
- Take a hot bath (add a favorite bath bomb!)
- Clean your room (& wash your bed sheets!)
- Workout & sweat a little!
- Go for a walk when it's sunny out
- Find sunshine! Go on a weekend trip somewhere warm
- Try a new class at the gym
- Light your favorite candle & meditate
- Make warm tea & spend some time journaling
- Bake some cookies with a friend
- Call someone you want to catch up with
- Make a relaxing playlist & listen to it while you stretch
- Cuddle with your pet
- Make a list of things you love about yourself
- Listen to a podcast while doing a hydrating face mask
- Make a healthy & delicious meal for yourself
- Cuddle in a blanket & watch old home videos
- Go to bed early & wake up refreshed



**Join us for the upcoming JustTEENS Wellness Clinic Group Sessions!**

**Start Up for the group sessions are open for registration NOW.**

**We will be offering two groups, ages 13-14 years old and ages 15 – 19 years old.**

**ALL group sessions will be held on Thursday evenings at 501 E. Green St. High Point, NC 27260 from 4:00 PM-5:00 PM (for ages 13-14 years old) and 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (for ages 15-19 years old).**

**Group Sessions will begin on Thursday, November 7, 2024**

**Topics to be discussed are Self-Esteem and Self-Worth, Stress Management, Depression and Suicide Prevention, and Managing Emotions and Healthy Coping. Life Skills sessions will be held for the High School students.**

**Come join us and take advantage to interact and discuss topics with others your own age, who may be experiencing some of the same challenges as you. The group sessions are available to create a teen friendly environment that is non-judgmental and confidential.**

**We will offer light refreshments and door prizes during each session. Bus passes will be available if needed!!**

**Contact the Guilford County Health Department for more information at (336) 641-7654 and/or [rblade@guilfordcountync.gov](mailto:rblade@guilfordcountync.gov)**



**Have a wonderful ,  
safe, and restful  
holiday/winter  
break!!**



**See you in 2025!!**

