

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Students desiring to be considered for a **Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship** must have the following material completed and postmarked or uploaded online by **11:59pm February 4, 2018**.

1. A completed application, answering all questions.
2. A separate listing of extracurricular activities, honors, community work and work experience.
3. A current photograph.
4. An unofficial transcript of grades, including first semester senior courses if possible and current GPA.
5. A letter of recommendation from one of the student's teachers (scanned and in pdf format if done online).
6. Original essay of 500 to 700 words on this year's topic.

2018 Essay Topic:

Ordinary Folk: How They Shaped Their Communities in North Carolina

Our North Carolina counties had many pioneers and natives who were stalwarts in their communities and helped shape them. They were not famous and not often found in history books. They were just common settlers of our state who fought for our country, lived as good citizens in their communities, farmed the land, made beautiful quilts and furniture, led local militias, founded local churches, were teachers, etc. The essay should address a particular family, person or community of early North Carolinians who shaped your local or a surrounding county. What were their habits, traditions, educational opportunities, jobs, entertainment, skills, etc.? What evidence do you see today that was left by these early citizens? Local museums and historical societies would be a good place to begin your research. The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts and www.NCPedia.com are two other good sources for beginning your research.

Remember to document from where you obtained a particular piece of information, including citations within the body of your paper and a list of works consulted at the end.

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of merit of the individual essay (**75%**), character, grades-scholarship record (**20%**), and need (**5%**).

Students may upload scholarship application and supporting materials to www.ncdames.org under Scholarships and Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship or they may submit by mail at the address below. If the guidance counselor mails the materials for multiple students, we ask that they be placed into a separate folder for each student.

(County Rep's, fill in your info below.)

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Address _____

Telephone _____