NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



NC Community Foundation announces Disaster Relief & Resilience Scholarship to support students affected by Hurricane Matthew

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The North Carolina Community Foundation announces the new NCCF Disaster Relief & Resilience Scholarship, established to support students affected by Hurricane Matthew, according to Leslie Ann Jackson, NCCF director of grants and scholarships.

This scholarship opportunity is for students who live in Fair Bluff, Kinston, Lumberton, Princeville, Seven Springs and Windsor. Up to \$5,000 will be available for undergraduate study for eligible students attending or planning to attend a two- or four-year institution of higher learning, with the maximum award covering four years. Consideration will be based on the severity of the impact of the disaster on applicants' lives, their financial need and demonstrated resilience.

Applications are due April 30 and are available at <u>nccommunityfoundation.org/scholarships</u>.

The scholarship is a part of NCCF's ongoing efforts to support communities in recovery from Hurricane Matthew. "We're proud to offer this scholarship as just one of our ways of continuing support for our communities across eastern North Carolina still recovering from Hurricane Matthew," Jackson said. "We believe in a long-term approach to recovery and it is our hope that this scholarship will be a light after the storm for our neighbors."

NCCF administers more than 120 scholarships for students throughout the state. Jackson said that these scholarships provide a good opportunity for North Carolina students to further their educations. "Our aim is to raise awareness throughout the state about opportunities offered through scholarships held with the North Carolina Community Foundation," she said. "We're pleased to steward these scholarships on behalf of our fundholders who are investing in the futures of these North Carolinians."

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has administered more than \$130 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With nearly \$247 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with a network of affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and

community assistance across the state. An important component of NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels.

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