 Scholarships:

- Wells Fargo Company Scholarship
- Paddison Family Scholarship
- Buncombe County Schools Foundation TEACHER Scholarship (Education Majors)
- John W. Abbott Scholarship (Construction Management or equivalent degree)
- John W. Abbott Scholarship (Engineering/Applied Technology – AB Tech)
- Kayla Dezaray Hensley “Gentle Heart” Memorial Scholarship (Majors: Special Education, Speech Therapy, Deaf Education, Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy)
- Ann Sizemore Memorial Scholarship (Teacher/Educator)
- Buncombe County Chapter School Nutrition Association Scholarship (complete separate application)
- Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company Scholarship *
- Washel Student Scholarship *

*Chosen by High School Scholarship Committee or Scholarship Donor

To be considered for any BCSF scholarship, it is recommended that student provide the Financial Aid Information in this Scholarship Application and a copy of Page 1 of the student’s SAR (Student Aid Report) generated from their FAFSA. The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is located on Page 1, underneath the date near the top right on the SAR.

Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident to be eligible to receive scholarship(s) from the Buncombe County Schools Foundation
Each year, Wells Fargo gives one scholarship to a senior in each of Buncombe County’s high schools. The Buncombe County Schools Foundation Scholarship Committee makes all decisions for the Wells Fargo scholarships. This committee is composed of representatives from the Buncombe County Schools Foundation Board of Directors; it may include members of the community. The Director of the Foundation shall serve as an ex-officio member.

The student scholarship program guidelines are as follows:

**Eligibility:** Deserving high school seniors are eligible for scholarships. The program shall be administered without reference to race, creed, gender, ethnic group or national origin of the candidates. A 3.0 average is recommended. However, modifications can be made upon the recommendation of the school-based scholarship committee.

- **Applications:** Beginning February 15th, potential scholarship candidates shall have the opportunity to make application for the Wells Fargo Scholarship to the Buncombe County Schools Foundation Scholarship Committee.

- **Final Selection Process:** Based upon the criteria below, the Foundation scholarship committee may choose to interview each applicant. The scholarship recipient will receive the scholarship award at the school’s awards program from a representative of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.

- **Selection Criteria:** Candidates will be selected upon the basis of the following factors:
  - Proof of overall grade point average
  - Participation in school and community activities
  - Two letters of recommendation

- **Award:** The scholarship will be a one-time grant that will vary depending on availability of funding. The grant can be used at any educational institution, including technical schools and non-degree programs.

- The Director of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation shall notify each school prior to February 15, 2021, of the amount of the scholarship award for the school year. **For 2021, the maximum award will be $1,000.**

- Applications must be submitted to the school counselor by March 5, 2021. The Principal or his designee shall assure that each senior has access to the Foundation guidelines and application form well in advance of the March 5, 2021 deadline.

- This scholarship will not affect the student’s ability to receive any other scholarship offered by the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.
Each year, the Buncombe County Schools Foundation gives the Paddison Family Scholarship to deserving seniors within the Buncombe County School System. All scholarship applications will be submitted to the Buncombe County Schools Foundation for review. The scholarship committee shall be composed of members of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation Scholarship Committee, the Paddison Family Scholarship Trustee, and may include members of the school and business community. The Director of the Foundation shall serve as an ex-officio member of the scholarship selection committee.

The Paddison Family Scholarship guidelines are as follows:

- **Eligibility:** To be eligible, a candidate must be a resident of Buncombe County and a graduating senior enrolled in a school in the Buncombe County School System. The program shall be administered without reference to race, creed, gender, ethnic group, or national origin of the candidates.

- **Applications:** All applicants must apply by submitting a completed scholarship packet to the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.

- **Final Selection Process:** Scholarships shall be awarded to students of good character in need of financial help to defray the expenses of a college education. The student shall have demonstrated a high degree of scholastic aptitude (as evidenced by his or her grade point average) and qualities of leadership. The scholarship recipient shall receive the scholarship award at the school’s awards program from a member of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation Board of Directors.

- **Selection Criteria:** Candidates shall be selected upon the basis of the following factors:
  1. Academic Achievement
  2. History of rendering community service at the city, county, state or national level
  3. Participation in school activities
  4. Two letters of recommendation from present or former teachers

- **Award:** Annual scholarships shall be substantially equal in amount to each student with an initial minimum amount of $2,500. The amount and number of scholarships may be changed upward or downward considering funds available and prevailing costs of a college education, as determined from time-to-time by the Trustees.

- 3.0 GPA recommended to maintain all four years of scholarship.

- Should an applicant receive a full scholarship or acceptance to a military academy you are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

- **Duration:** Scholarships shall be awarded on an annual basis for a total of four academic years to recipients satisfying the Foundation committee that he or she is continuing to meet the requirements for selection set forth above.

- **All** scholarship applications must be submitted to the school counselor no later than March 5, 2021. **Finalists may be given a personal interview.**

The principal or his designee shall assure that each senior has access to the Paddison Family Scholarship Guidelines and application form well in advance of the March 5, 2021 deadline.
The Buncombe County Schools Foundation TEACHER Scholarship is available to a graduating senior in Buncombe County. The scholarship is for $1,000 and will be issued to a student who wishes to become an educator.

The Buncombe County Schools Foundation TEACHER Scholarship guidelines are as follows:

- **Eligibility:** Deserving high school seniors are eligible for scholarships. The program will be administered without reference to race, creed, gender, ethnic group, or national origin of the candidates. A 3.0 average is recommended. However, modifications can be made upon the recommendation of the school-based scholarship committee.

- **Applications:** All applicants must apply by submitting a completed scholarship packet to the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.

- **Final Selection Process:** A personal interview with the committee may be required. The scholarship recipient will receive the award at the academic awards banquet or assembly. A member of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation Board of Directors will make the presentation.

- **Selection Criteria:** Candidates will be selected upon the basis of the following factors:
  1. Proof of overall grade point average
  2. Participation in school and community activities
  3. Two letters of recommendation
  4. A typed brief essay (500 words or less) describing why you wish to become a teacher. The Selection Committee will use your statement as one of the criteria in selecting the recipient of this Scholarship.

- **Award:** The scholarship will be a one-time grant that will vary depending on availability of funding. The grant can be used at any educational institution.

- The Buncombe County Schools Foundation TEACHER Scholarship will be **$1,000 for 2021**.

- Applications must be submitted to the school counselor by March 5, 2021.

- The principal or his designee will assure that each senior has access to the guidelines and application form well in advance of the March 5, 2021 deadline.

- This scholarship will not affect the student’s ability to receive any other scholarships offered by the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.
John W. Abbott Scholarship
$2,500 (4-year College/University)

John W. Abbott Construction Company is awarding one scholarship to a senior from a Buncombe County High School. The scholarship offered is for $2,500. Applicant must be accepted and attend an accredited four (4) year college or university pursuing a Construction Management or equivalent degree.

The student scholarship program guidelines are as follows:

❖ **Eligibility:** Deserving high school seniors are eligible for this scholarship. The program shall be administered without reference to race, creed, gender, ethnic group or national origin of the candidates.

❖ **Applications:** Beginning February 2021, potential scholarship candidates shall have the opportunity to make application for the John W. Abbott Scholarship to the BCS Foundation Scholarship Committee.

❖ **Final Selection Process:** Based upon the criteria below, the scholarship committee may choose to interview each applicant. The scholarship recipient will receive the scholarship award at the school’s awards program from a representative of the organization giving the scholarship.

❖ **Selection Criteria:** Candidates will be selected upon the basis of the following factors:

   A)  Proof of 3.0 GPA or better
   B)  Pursuing a Construction Management or equivalent degree at an accredited four (4) year college or university.
   C)  Two Letters of recommendation
   D)  Participation in school and community activities.

❖ **Award:** The scholarship will be a one-time grant that will vary depending on availability of funding.

❖ The Director of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation shall notify each school prior to February of the amount of the scholarship award for the school year.

❖ This scholarship will not affect the student’s ability to receive any other scholarship offered by the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.
John W. Abbott Scholarship
$750 – AB-Tech

John W. Abbott Construction Company is awarding a scholarship to two graduating seniors from a Buncombe County High School. The scholarship offered is for $750 each. The scholarships will be issued to a student who will attend AB Technical College pursuing a two-year degree in Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Technologies, Mechanical Engineering Technologies, Carpentry, Construction Management Technologies, or Electrical Technologies. Should only one student apply, this can be a single two-year scholarship of $750/year.

The student scholarship program **guidelines** are as follows:

❖ **Eligibility:** Deserving high school seniors are eligible for this scholarship. The program shall be administered without reference to race, creed, gender, ethnic group or national origin of the candidates.

❖ **Applications:** Beginning February 2021, potential scholarship candidates shall have the opportunity to make application for the John W. Abbott Scholarship to the BCS Foundation Scholarship Committee.

❖ **Final Selection Process:** Based upon the criteria below, the scholarship committee may choose to interview each applicant. The scholarship recipient will receive the scholarship award at the school’s awards program from a representative of the organization giving the scholarship.

❖ **Selection Criteria:** Candidates will be selected upon the basis of the following factors:

   A) Proof of 2.0 GPA or better

   B) Enroll in one of the following Department programs:

      1) Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Technologies

      2) Mechanical Engineering Technologies

      3) Carpentry

      4) Construction Management Technologies

      5) Electrical Technologies

   C) Two Letters of recommendation

❖ **Award:** The scholarship will be a one-time grant that will vary depending on availability of funding.

❖ The Director of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation shall notify each school prior to February of the amount of the scholarship award for the school year.

❖ This scholarship will not affect the student’s ability to receive any other scholarship offered by the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.
The Buncombe County Schools Foundation is awarding one scholarship to a senior from a Buncombe County High School in memory of Kayla Dezaray Hensley. Kayla was the sunshine in many hearts who never knew a stranger. She had a strong will to overcome any obstacle in life that was handed to her. Not only was she a comfort to people but she inspired them. Kayla was an angel on earth for 18 years and though she had to fly away, she left an impression on all our hearts. The scholarship offered is for $1,000 and will be issued to the 2- or 4-year educational institution of the student’s choice majoring in Special Education, Speech Therapy, Deaf Education, Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy.

The student scholarship program guidelines are as follows:

❖ **Eligibility:** Deserving high school seniors are eligible for this scholarship. The program shall be administered without reference to race, creed, gender, ethnic group or national origin of the candidates. A 2.5 average is recommended.

❖ **Selection Process:** Based upon the criteria below, the scholarship committee may choose to interview each applicant. The scholarship recipient will receive the scholarship award at student’s high school awards banquet from a representative of Kayla Hensley’s family or the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.

❖ **Selection Criteria:** Candidates will be selected upon the basis of the following factors:

(a) Proof of overall grade point average – 2.5 or higher.
(b) Participation/leadership in school or community activities.
(c) Two letters of recommendation.
(d) A typed, brief essay (500 words or less) describing:

> “Why you want to pursue a degree in Deaf Education, Special Education, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy”

The Selection Committee will use your statement as one of the criteria in selecting the scholarship recipient.

❖ **Award:** The scholarship will be a one-time grant. The grant can be used at any educational institution.

❖ Applications must be submitted to your high school counselor by March 5, 2021.

❖ This scholarship will not affect the student’s ability to receive any other scholarship offered by the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.
The Ann Sizemore Memorial Scholarship is awarding one scholarship to a graduating senior in Buncombe County Schools. The scholarship offered is $2,000 and will be awarded to a **graduating senior who commits to earning a degree to be a teacher/educator**. The scholarship will be issued to the educational institution of the student’s choice.

The student scholarship program **guidelines** are as follows:

- **Eligibility**: Deserving Buncombe County High School seniors are eligible for this scholarship. The program shall be administered without reference to race, creed, gender, ethnic group or national origin of the candidates. A 3.0 average is recommended. However, modifications can be made upon the recommendation of the school-based scholarship committee.

- **Applications**: Beginning January 30th, potential scholarship candidates shall have the opportunity to make application for this scholarship to the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.

- **Final Selection Process**: Based upon the criteria below, the scholarship committee **may** choose to interview each applicant. The scholarship recipient will receive the scholarship award at the school’s awards program from a representative of the Sizemore family or a designee thereof.

- **Selection Criteria**: Candidates will be selected upon the basis of the following factors:
  
  (a) Proof of overall grade point average;
  
  (b) Participation in school and community activities (the applicant should be aware, Ann Sizemore highly valued the impact of genuine school and community involvement);
  
  (c) An essay explaining the importance the applicant places on education and the basis for the applicant’s commitment to teacher education;
  
  (d) Two letters of recommendation.

- **Award**: The scholarship will be a grant as described above that will vary depending on availability of funding. The grant can be used at any educational institution which affords the applicant the ability to pursue a degree to teach, including technical schools and non-degree programs.

- The Director of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation will notify the Counseling Department of the Buncombe County high schools prior to January 30, 2021 regarding the availability of the scholarship.

- Applications must be submitted to your school counselor by March 5, 2021. The Principal or his designee shall assure that each senior has access to the Foundation guidelines and application form well in advance of the March 5, 2021 deadline.

- This scholarship will not affect the student’s ability to receive any other scholarship offered by the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.
The Buncombe County Chapter School Nutrition Association is awarding a scholarship in honor of their contributions to prevent hunger in Buncombe County. The scholarship will be referred to as The Buncombe County Chapter School Nutrition Association Scholarship. The scholarship offered is $500.00. The scholarship will be issued to the educational institution of the student’s choice. The student must attend an accredited vocational, technical or university in the United States, pursuing a degree that would enhance the health and wellness of children.

The student scholarship program guidelines are as follows:

- **Eligibility**: Buncombe County high school graduating seniors are eligible for this scholarship. The program shall be administered without reference to race, creed, gender, ethnic group or national origin of the candidates. A 3.0 average is recommended. However, modifications can be made upon the recommendation of the scholarship committee.

- **Applications**: Once posted on the Buncombe County Schools Foundation web site, potential scholarship candidates shall have the opportunity to make an application for the Buncombe County Chapter School Nutrition Association Scholarship to the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.

- **Final Selection Process**: Based upon the criteria below, the scholarship committee along with representatives from the School Nutrition Department may choose to interview each applicant. The scholarship recipient shall receive the award at the academic awards banquet or assembly.

- **Selection Criteria**: Candidates will be selected upon the basis of the following factors:
  
  (a) Proof of overall grade point average
  (b) Provide an answer to the following essay question (1000 words or less):
      "Why is a healthy lifestyle important in school?"
  (c) Participation in school and community activities
  (d) Two letters of recommendation
  (e) Complete the School Nutrition Scholarship Application

- **Award**: The scholarship will be a one-time grant that will vary depending on availability of funding. The grant can be used at any educational institution, including technical schools and universities.

- All completed scholarship packets/applications are due to the high school counselor offices by March 5, 2021. The Principal or his designee shall assure that each senior has access to the Foundation guidelines and application form well in advance of the March 5th deadline.

- This scholarship will not affect the student’s ability to receive any other scholarship offered by the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.

**Complete Separate Application**
The **Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company Scholarship** is available to one graduating senior in each of Buncombe County’s high schools. Each scholarship offered is for a minimum of $500 (five hundred dollars) and will be issued to the educational institution of the student’s choice.

The Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company Scholarship **guidelines** are as follows:

- **Eligibility:** Deserving high school seniors are eligible for scholarships. The program shall be administered without reference to race, creed, gender, ethnic group, or national origin of the candidates. A 3.0 average is recommended. However, modifications can be made with the recommendations of the school-based scholarship committee.

- **Applications:** Potential scholarship candidates shall have the opportunity to make application for the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company Scholarship.

- **Final Selection Process:** All applicants must apply by submitting a completed scholarship packet to their high school scholarship committees. A personal interview with the committee is optional. The scholarship recipient shall receive the award at the academic awards banquet or assembly. Either an employee of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company or a member of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation Board of Directors will make the presentation.

- **Selection Criteria:** Candidates shall be selected upon the bases of the following factors:
  1. Proof of overall grade point average
  2. Participation in school and community activities
  3. Two letters of recommendation

- **Award:** The scholarship shall be a one-time grant that will vary depending on availability of funding. The grant can be used at any educational institution, including technical schools and non-degree programs.

- The Director of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation shall notify each school of the amount of the scholarship award for the school year. **In 2021, the minimum award will be $500 per high school.**

- Applications shall be submitted to the individual school’s scholarship committee. Once the student is selected, the **school counselor** will forward the **name** of the winner along with the **scholarship packet** to the director of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation who will, in return, send the money to the educational institution that the student chooses.

- This scholarship will not affect the student’s ability to receive any other scholarship offered by the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.
The Washel Student Scholarship is awarding one scholarship to a senior from Community High School, Early College, Middle College or Charles D. Owen High School. This scholarship is for $750 and will be issued to the educational institution of the student’s choice.

The Washel Student Scholarship program guidelines are as follows:

- **Eligibility:** Deserving high school seniors from Community High School, Early College, Middle College or Charles D. Owen High School are eligible for this scholarship. The program shall be administered without reference to race, creed, gender, ethnic group, or national origin of the candidates. A 3.0 average is recommended. However, modifications can be made with the recommendations of the school-based scholarship committee.

- **Applications:** Potential scholarship candidates shall have the opportunity to make application for the Washel Student Scholarship to the Buncombe County Schools Foundation Scholarship Committee.

- **Final Selection Process:** Based upon the criteria below, the BCSF Scholarship Committee along with representative from the Washel family may choose to interview each applicant. The scholarship recipient will receive the scholarship award at the school’s awards program from a representative of the Washel Family.

- **Selection Criteria:** Candidates will be selected upon the basis of the following factors:
  1. Proof of overall grade point average
  2. Participation in school and community activities
  3. Letter explaining the applicant’s desire to make a difference in his/her life by continuing his/her education
  4. Two letters of recommendation

- **Award:** The scholarship will be a one-time grant that will vary depending on availability of funding. The grant can be used at any educational institution, including technical schools and non-degree programs.

- The Director of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation shall notify each school of the amount of the scholarship award for the school year. **In 2021, the award will be $750.**

- Applications must be submitted to the Buncombe County Schools Foundation Scholarship Committee by March 5, 2021.

- This scholarship will not affect the student’s ability to receive any other scholarship offered by the Buncombe County Schools Foundation.