



THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
of
CALDWELL COUNTY

Mollie Grace Dalton Scholarship

Born in Mill Spring, North Carolina on July 20th, 1896, Miss Mollie Grace Dalton came to Granite Falls in 1928 to teach at Granite Falls Elementary School. Miss Dalton received her teaching certificate from Brevard Normal School, now known as Brevard College. She earned her BS from East Carolina University and began her long teaching career. During her teaching tenure, she was known as a stern but fair and loving teacher. At the time of her retirement at age 76, Miss Dalton had the longest teaching record in the state of 52 years.

Miss Dalton belonged to the Granite Falls First United Methodist Church. She served on several Committees including the Nominating Parsonage Committee and the Administrative Board.

Miss Dalton took a trip every summer and shared her experiences with her students and friends. She traveled around the world two times as she continued to travel after she retired. Miss Dalton was a well-known and much-loved member of the Granite Falls Community and enjoyed her life in the community as teacher and leader. She lived until the age of 98 and shared her estate with students enabling them to attend college on her scholarship.

About the Scholarship

The Education Foundation of Caldwell County offers a scholarship each year for students graduating from South Caldwell High School. While students planning on pursuing any major can apply, those entering the field of education will be given preference.

Criteria for scholarship

Students must

1. be graduating from South Caldwell High School
2. have a weighted 3.0 GPA or higher
3. include the following:
 - a. completed application
 - b. official transcript
 - c. sealed letter of recommendation (not from a friend or family member)
 - d. typed essay stating why you want to attend college & how the scholarship will help you achieve your goals

Scholarship applications are due in the Counseling office by **March 1 each year**. Late applications will not be accepted. The winner will be recognized on Senior Awards Day.

2026 Application: Mollie Grace Dalton Scholarship

Student Information

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email _____

Date of Birth: _____

Family Information

Father's Name: _____

Student lives with parent? Y N

Father's occupation: _____

Father's annual income: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Student lives with parent? Y N

Mother's occupation: _____

Mother's annual income: _____

Number of siblings: _____

in elementary school: _____

in middle school: _____

in high school: _____

in college: _____

College Goals

College or University you plan on attending: _____

Course of Study/Proposed Major: _____

Career Goal: _____

High School Academic Record

Weighted GPA: _____ Unweighted GPA: _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____

Number of Honors courses taken: _____

Number of AP courses taken: _____

Essay

Please attach a typed essay stating why you want to attend college & how the scholarship will help you achieve your goals.

Experiences & Hobbies

**If you need additional room, please attach another sheet to the application with the information.

Extracurricular

Please list extracurricular by order of importance and mark which grades you participated:

Activity	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th

Work/Volunteer Experience

Please list any work or volunteer experience chronologically (starting with the most recent):

Employer	Job Title	Dates (to-from)

Honors/Awards

Please list any awards or honors received. You may include any offices held.

Award Title
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

Hobbies

Please include any additional information you feel your application is incomplete without. This includes personal struggles you've overcome, additional community activities, or anything else you think is pertinent.

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I may be requested to provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

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