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Blue Ridge Energies
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Together Caldwell County partnerships
can make a difference in education
and the lives of our children.



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THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
of
CALDWELL COUNTY

Barbara H. Deverick
A Scholarship for Educators

A native of Caldwell County, Barbara Deverick was a unique individual who made her mark on the community, business, and nation. Her influence literally reached around the world.

Mrs. Deverick was an employee of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation for 43 years. At the time of her death in 1987, she was a strong community leader who made many contributions to Caldwell County. She served on the Board of Directors at Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute, and over a period of time served as chair of the Red Cross, United Way, and Cancer Crusade. She was elected to the Board of Education in 1968 and served as chair in 1972 when negotiations began which led to the merger of the Lenoir and Caldwell County school systems. Eventually, Mrs. Deverick served as chair of the consolidated board.

Mrs. Deverick was named N.C. State Grange Woman of the Year in 1983, and N.C. Career Woman of the Year in 1981 for the N.C. Federation of Business and Professional Women. She served as chair of the National Cooperative Business Association and was inducted into the Cooperative Hall of Fame in 1989.

At the international level, she visited several underdeveloped countries and personally helped them establish cooperatives. Perhaps one of her greatest accomplishments was representing the United States by serving on the Board of Directors of the International Cooperative Alliance, an organization representing 77 countries.

Barbara Deverick is a role model to countless people, and like teachers, represents hope for the future. It is therefore appropriate that these scholarships be given in her name.

History :

Realizing the importance of staff education and to encourage teachers to seek additional opportunities for learning, the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce established a series of summer scholarships for teachers in 1976 to help promote continued quality education within the county's public school systems.

The Education Foundation was established in 1989 by leadership from the Caldwell County School System and the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of enhancing the quality of public education and increasing support for our public schools.

At that time, the Education Foundation began administering the Barbara Deverick Scholarship. Beginning in 1993, Blue Ridge Electric Membership began sponsoring 2 to 3 yearly scholarships in conjunction with the Education Foundation's 15-20 scholarships.

What is the Scholarship Program?

Scholarship monies may be applied to a degree program, certificate renewal, educational travel, staff development or curriculum enrichment. Scholarships cannot be used for National Board certification or renewal.

Who is Eligible?

Any teacher is eligible to apply, including a previous winner, who is actively engaged in the teaching profession within Caldwell County and who plans to teach within the county system the following year.

All scholarship applicants shall be considered without regard to race, age, color, sex, national origin, handicap, or school.

What's Available

Each applicant may apply for a maximum amount of \$750.00. The Barbara Deverick Scholarship is available during the spring semester of each school year.

Application Deadline

Applications must be completed and received at the Education Foundation office by **March 1, 2026**. The Ed Foundation is located in the Education Center.

Selection and Awards

Recipients will be selected by the Education Foundation Scholarship Committee. The committee reserves the right to require interviews.

To receive scholarship funds, recipients must attend the Education Foundation board meeting as luncheon guests on May 5, 2026. Scholarships will not be given to recipients who do not RSVP or attend the May 5 board meeting.

Scholarship Requirements

- The scholarship is to be used within one year of the award or funds must be returned to the Education Foundation.
- A written evaluation including documentation of expenditures i.e. budget will be required within 30 days of the completion of the project.
- Recipients will not be considered the following year if evaluations are not submitted on time to the Education Foundation Inc. of Caldwell County.

The Education Foundation reserves the right to make the initial announcement of scholarship recipients and to render decisions regarding questions which may arise that are not answered in this brochure.

Barbara H. Deverick Scholarship for Teachers

Name _____ Contact No. _____

Address _____

Previous Barbara Deverick Scholarship winner? _____

Year(s) _____

Education Background:

Name of colleges or universities attended

Graduate of _____ Degree(s) _____

Dates _____

_____ Degree(s) _____

Dates _____

_____ Degree(s) _____

Dates _____

Name of school (s) where currently employed _____

Teaching grades/subjects _____

Years of teaching experience _____

Position to be held in Caldwell County Schools next year _____

Name of School _____

Email: _____

Please print email

With this application please include a one-page letter which explains:

- Brief summary of scholarship use.
- Educational/professional benefits expected from grant.
- Class schedule or travel itinerary.
- How students/school will benefit from scholarship experience.

Also include a letter of recommendation from your school principal.

This application form must be completed and received by 5 p.m. on March 1. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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