



The Education Foundation, Inc. of Caldwell County

Awards

The Gary and Phyllis Knight Memorial Scholarship

Inspired by a matchless passion to extend the realm of education to graduating seniors at West Caldwell High School and Hibriten High School, family, friends and colleagues of Gary and Phyllis Knight offer this teaching scholarship to honor their lives as dedicated educational visionaries.

Gary Knight graduated from Newton-Conover High School in 1956 and Appalachian State University in 1961. He taught industrial cooperative training, distributive education, general business classes, and coached varsity football and swimming in the Caldwell County School System, retiring from Hibriten High School.

Mr. Knight also served in the North Carolina National Guard in Lenoir and retired as Captain. During his long residency in Lenoir, he was a member of the Lenoir Lions Club and Hibriten Masonic Lodge 262.

Also a native of the Conover area, Phyllis McRary Knight received a bachelor's degree in primary education from Appalachian State University in 1959 and began working at East Harper Elementary School where she taught third grade. Although Mrs. Knight loved the classroom, her love of books found her serving as the librarian at East Harper and West Lenoir School. Mrs. Knight returned to further her education and received an additional bachelor's degree in library science.

In 1967, Mrs. Knight became the librarian at the former Gamewell-Collettsville High School. When West Caldwell High School opened, Mrs. Knight became the librarian and was faculty leader of the Beta Club. She worked at West Caldwell High School until she retired in 2000, serving students of Caldwell County for a total of 40 years.

Like her husband Gary Knight, Mrs. Knight also served her community. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, American Business Women's Association, Lenoir Women's Club, the NC Association of Educators and the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight enjoyed teaching, learning, students and adventure. Mrs. Knight's motto was, "Give me a change of clothes and my toothbrush, and I am ready." Together, Mr. and Mrs. Knight explored the world, often pulling a camper across the US during the summer months.

To honor Mr. and Mrs. Knight's dedication to students at Hibriten High School and West Caldwell High School, the family continues the Knight's legacy by offering this scholarship to graduating seniors who are going to pursue a degree in teaching which will further the work that Gary and Phyllis Knight devoted their entire lives to: education.

Reach

Research

Educate

Honor

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Who is Eligible?

The Gary and Phyllis Knight Memorial Scholarship is open to applicants of all races. Applicants must be US citizens, have a high school GPA of 3.2 or higher, and must be interested in seeking a degree of higher learning in the field of teaching. All applicants must meet requirements for admissions to an institute of higher learning of their choice. Consideration is given to those students who have shown academic promise, leadership qualities and need. Final decisions are based on the OVERALL student, not financial need, high grade point averages or high SAT scores.

Scholarship Information and Instructions

1. Information sheet is to be completed by nominee.

Please type or print clearly.

2. Include the following:

Transcript of Courses Completed
Letter of Recommendation from Educator
Typed Essay

Mail or deliver nomination form to:

The Education Foundation, Inc. of Caldwell County
1914 Hickory Blvd. SW
Lenoir, North Carolina 28645

Applications must be returned to the Education Foundation by March 1, by 5:00 p.m. Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Scholarships are subject to the approval of the Education Foundation Inc. of Caldwell Co.

Name of student: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____

Contact Number _____ Email _____

Age _____ Date of birth _____ Male _____ Female _____ US Citizen? _____

High school attending _____ Graduation Date _____

Family Information

Parents' Names

Father _____
First Middle Last

Address if different from yours _____

Education level _____

Mother _____
First Middle Last

Address if different from yours _____

Education level _____

In the event you are selected, how would you like your parents' names listed in a news release?

Reason for need (May attach an additional sheet.)

Number of siblings _____

Number in elementary school _____

Number in middle school _____

Number in high school _____

Number in college _____

Number who have received degrees of higher learning _____

College or university you plan to attend _____

Course of study you plan to pursue (for example: Elementary education): _____

Number in your high school graduating class _____

Ranking _____ Grade point average _____

Clubs you hold membership in: (Attach an additional page if necessary).
Include years and offices held.

Class offices held:

Freshman _____
Sophomore _____
Junior _____
Senior _____

Honors received and year:

Continue on additional page if needed.

Involvement in sports or other school activities not listed

Hobbies

Church, community, or other activities you wish to mention _____

Work experience _____

Along with this application, submit a complete year-to-date high school transcript and a typed essay addressing the following: **The Knights valued the wisdom and opportunities that education allows. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and what would you do with the education you have or are about to gain during your college experience?**