

Charlotte Hackney Sharpe Scholarship

Application Guidelines

The Charlotte Hackney Sharpe Scholarship is offering two scholarships up to \$5000.00 dollars each for the upcoming academic year. The Charlotte Hackney Scholarship is supported by the husband and family of the late Charlotte Hackney Sharpe and other friends and local citizens. It is designed to provide grant assistance to help students meet the direct costs of college attendance and encourage them to pursue that education.

Awards will be made to students based on the following criteria:

1. Graduate from Ridgeview High School
2. Grade point average (minimum 2.5 of 4.0 scale)
3. Financial need
4. Activities on and off campus
5. Full-time enrollment each term of award
6. You have applied to and been accepted by the college you will attend this fall

To be considered for a Charlotte Hackney Sharpe Scholarship, please complete all parts of this application, typed or handwritten (blue or black ink only). If more space is needed, feel free to attach additional pages.

1. Name_____

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Birth_____

3. Home Address_____

4. Phone#_____Email_____

5. Your program of study (major)_____

6. Awards, honors, or leadership recognition which you have received thus far

7. Extra-curricular activities you have participated in both on and off campus

8. Work experience (if applicable) - Include position title, name of employer, dates worked beginning with most recent

9. Describe your educational and professional goals

10. Explain why you have chosen to continue your education beyond high school

11. Did either of your parents attend college? _____ If yes, Mother _____ Father _____

12. Parents' occupation(s) _____

13. How many children live in your home? _____

14. To establish financial need, the committee needs access to certain financial information regarding you and/or your parents or guardians. The committee will also require information and any other applications you have made for other financial aid and the determinations of eligibility (if any) for these other applications. Your signature on this application gives permission for any other potential source of aid for your education to share information with this scholarship committee. List below all other financial aid programs with which you have applied and indicate your anticipated award from each. To remain eligible for awards from this scholarship, you must also update any of this information if and when it changes.

Name of other aid resources

Anticipated amount

15. If you have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), your signature on this application gives permission for the school or agency to share this information with this scholarship committee. **Please attach a copy of the FAFSA. If you have a Student Aid Report (SAR), please attach it also.**

16. You must remain enrolled full time to receive the award each term. The scholarship committee will also contact the school of any recipient to determine if any anticipated payment would exceed any unmet financial need. You must maintain a 3.0 GPA (on a 4 point system) to be considered for any awards after the first college term. Your signature on this application gives permission for the school to share information pertinent to your enrollment, grades, and the amount of financial need with this scholarship committee.

17. If chosen as a scholarship recipient, you will attend the graduation ceremony at your school on _____ and agree to be introduced during the event.

18. If chosen as a scholarship recipient, your signature on this application gives permission for the release of any news story, photograph, and/or promotional material the scholarship committee may deem appropriate.

Date ____/____/____

Signature _____

Parents/Guardians

Signature _____

Signature _____

Below is a brief summary of Charlotte Hackney Sharpe, who she was and what she accomplished after graduation from Haysi High School in Dickenson County in May, 1960 . It is to honor her memory, her family, and her accomplishments that the scholarship fund has been created.

Fund description

Charlotte Hackney walked every day 3 miles down the mountain (Rakes Ridge, now known as Hackney Ridge), regardless of the weather, just to catch the school bus to Haysi High. Monday through Friday she faced the same three miles trudging up the mountain at the end of every day. In total, she walked 5,400 miles and did not miss a single day. Having perfect attendance, making Honor Roll every year, and graduating third in a large senior class, Charlotte wanted more than anything to go to college and to graduate. However, her family couldn't possibly afford it on her father's coal miner's pay. Charlotte was one of eleven children of Howard and Lona Hackney of Hackney Ridge, high above the town of Haysi, population 477.

Her teachers and friends, amazed by and in appreciation of her perseverance and integrity, scraped together just enough to obtain a small loan to help her get through the first year of college. After that, she would be on her own to earn it for the other years, and she did. Upon graduation from Haysi High School in 1960, she went directly to summer school to begin her freshman year at Hiwassee College. Charlotte eventually made it to Nashville where she attended and graduated from the prestigious George Peabody College for Teachers with a degree in Biology as well as a teaching degree.

In 1973, she met John Sharpe, the man who would eventually become her husband and who was at her side for 47 years of loving, living and making the most of every day together. At age 79, Charlotte Hackney Sharpe passed peacefully in her sleep of natural causes on December 22, 2020.

John Sharpe created this fund to honor her memory and her determination to overcome all odds and graduate college and go on to a successful and fulfilling life. At the same time, John wished to honor her family and her community in order to create a legacy for her in Dickenson County and at Ridgeview High School.

To learn more about Charlotte Hackney Sharpe, a full sized booklet about her life is available in Mr. Compton's office for you to look through. Also, attached is a PDF of the booklet.