

ATTACHMENT C

2024 Local Scholarship Rules and Regulations

The Johnston County Scholarship Organization will award scholarships under the following guidelines:

1. Scholarship Usage:

Scholarship funds may be applied to tuition, textbooks, supplies, academic fees and student loans. Scholarships may be used for current educational expenses only.

Payment of all approved expenditures will be made directly to the college, university or other accredited institution unless extenuating circumstances exist. Personal

Reimbursements to scholarship recipients will not be honored, so proper planning and time allotment is essential on the part of the student.

2. REQUESTING USAGE:

Requests for scholarships are initially processed by the Miss Johnston County Organization for its review and approval upon written receipt of statements from colleges and schools.

All statements and invoices must be accompanied by a cover letter from the contestant requesting scholarship funds. Mail request to: Miss Johnston County Scholarship Organization, Attn: Executive Director, 7465 Meadowbrook Rd, Benson, NC 27504.

3. Reimbursement Guidelines:

Contestants must maintain at least 12 credit hours as a full-time student, 9 credit hours part-time status and 9 credit hours for graduation in order to qualify. Payments do not cover key fees or deposits. Utilities (electric, gas, cable, phone, etc.) are also not covered.

It is the contestant's obligation to determine whether the scholarship, in whole or part, is includible in gross taxable income, regardless of whether a Form 1099 has been issued.

Contestants are encouraged to consult a tax advisor regarding the taxability of the scholarship payments.

4. STUDENT LOANS:

Scholarships may be used for outstanding student loan obligations provided the contestant has satisfactorily completed the coursework for which the loan was obtained. In all cases, requests must include a current bill from the lender showing a current address, a copy of the promissory note showing that the contestant is either the primary or secondary payer of the obligation, and an official transcript showing completion of the coursework.

5. USAGE FOR FUTURE EXPENSES AND FORFEITURES:

Scholarships may be used for future educational expenses, provided however, except as set forth below, contestants must request use of their scholarships within 1 year of the date of the received title. Prior to the date of forfeiture, a reasonable attempt will be made by the local organization to notify the contestant of impending forfeiture. If a contestant has not submitted a request to the Miss Johnston County Organization for her scholarship award dollars during this period, her right to request funds will be forfeited. Any and all decisions of the Miss Johnston County Scholarship Organization shall be final and binding.

THE MISS JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND AND OR MODIFY THE FOREGOING SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE.

I,(Print)_____have read and understand the Miss Johnston County/Cleveland Local Competition Scholarship Rules and Regulations.

Contestant Signature

Date