POLK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2027 GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS Dates & Dollars

1ST QTR
Grants & Slater Awards

APPLY BY
January 7

INTERVIEWS
February 8-11 & 22-25
Grants

March 8-10
Slater Awards

DECISIONS
March 26

2ND QTR
Grants & Adult Scholarships

APPLY BY
March 25

INTERVIEWS
May 3-6
May 24-27

DECISIONS
June 25

3RD QTR
Grants

APPLY BY
July 1

INTERVIEWS
August 2-5
August 23-26

DECISIONS
October 1

4TH QTR
HS Scholarship for Class of 2028

APPLY BY
September 28

INTERVIEWS
October 12-14
for some PCHS awards

DECISIONS
December 17

How to apply

1 Submit a Letter of Intent

It confirms that your organization is eligible to apply for grants* and that your project meets the criteria for one or more of our grantmaking funds. Visit polkccf.org/applications for details on how to submit this.

2 Receive Confirmation

We confirm that your project meets the Foundation's criteria for funding. Contact our Director of Grants with questions about the process. Email Noah Wood at grants@polkccf.org or call 828-859-5314 x 226.

3 Submit a Grant Application

Apply by the deadlines above. Applications must be submitted online through our Grants portal accessible by visiting polkccf.org/applications. All applications are due by 5:00 pm on the dates indicated.**

** Organizations new to the Foundation should contact us about grant eligibility as a first step. We have a committee review process to evaluate newly formed nonprofits or organizations that don't have a grantmaking history with the Foundation. Letters of Intent are not required for Slater Awards.*

*** We recommend you contact our Director of Grants at least one week prior to the deadline to have your application certified as complete.*

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255 S. Trade St, Tryon, NC

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2027 Grant & Scholarship Funds

You do not need to apply separately or be an expert on every fund below. Our Grantmaking & Scholarship Committees will match your application to the most appropriate source of dollars based on the fund criteria.

	AVAILABLE IN 2027
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	
Community Grants *Unrestricted, Bettinger, White, & other funds* Projects of any kind that enhance the quality of life in our community	**Up to $200,000** per cycle
Large, Long-Term Projects *Bradley Endowment Fund (contact us)* Projects & planning studies with generations-long community impact	**$150,000**
GRANTS FOR YOUR TOWN	
Tryon & Landrum *Mary F. Kessler Fund* Cultural, intellectual, educational, & beautification projects for Tryon & Landrum residents	**Up to $55,000** per cycle
Saluda *Saluda Community Fund* Projects in and serving Saluda	**$70,000**
Landrum *Landrum Community Fund* Projects in and serving Landrum	**$12,500**
GRANTS BY FOCUS AREA	
Youth & Education *Forbes Endowment Fund · Don & Peggy Lyons Fund* Programs for local students and young people	**$150,000**
Neighbors in Need *Caring for Our Neighbors Fund · Angela Russell Fund* Food, home repair & basic needs, including for elderly Tryon residents	**Varies by Fund**
Health *Bosien Fund · Sassoon Health Emergency Fund · Steinbach Medical Fund* Health education and other community health projects	**$158,700**
Agriculture *Culberson Agricultural Development Fund* Agricultural development projects	**$6,500**
Other Donor Funds Grants from other donor funds may be awarded as they are available	**Varies by Fund**
FREE EVENTS	
Free Community Events Free gatherings in Polk County & Landrum	**$5,000–$10,000** per project
Free Events in Tryon *Kirby Civic Events, Kirby Harmon Field & Kirby Rogers Park funds* Civic events $4,000 · Harmon Field youth $10,500 · Rogers Park events $12,300	**$26,800** in total
STRENGTHEN YOUR ORGANIZATION	
Strategic Planning, Board Retreats & Capacity Building Organizational strengthening & board planning	**$3,000–$8,000** per project
Student Intern Program Funds for agencies to hire local high school students as interns	**$36,000**
Grantwriting for Public Safety Organizations To enhance public safety organizations' receipt of non-local grants	**$5,000**
North Carolina Center for Nonprofits *(Rolling basis)* Center memberships for local 501(c)(3) organizations	**$725** maximum
STUDENTS & TEACHERS	
Scholarships for Adults Going Back to School *(Details online)* 2027 applications due & decisions available in the 2nd QTR cycle of 2027	**$1,000** minimum award
Scholarships for Graduating High School Seniors *(Details online)* Class of 2028 applications due & decisions available in the 4th QTR cycle of 2027	**$1,000** minimum award
AFS Study Abroad Scholarships For local high school students to study abroad through AFS-USA	**100%** of program fees
Slater Excellence in Teaching Awards For Polk County & Landrum teacher educational travel & conferences	**$40,000**

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