

Kate Swift Reese Educational Scholarship Endowment for Watauga County

Watauga Education Foundation Inc., Trustee

Scholarship Application Form

I. Applicant Information

Name: _____

Permanent Address:

Mailing Address: ___ check if same as permanent address

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Telephone Number: _____

Email (please be legible, application confirmation is sent via email):

Mother's name and address: ___ check if same as student address

Father's name and address: ___ check if same as student address

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please provide examples of your citizenship and community involvement:

II. Educational Information

High School: _____ (must be a Watauga County public high school)

GPA: _____ Class rank (if known): _____

____ Check to indicate that you have included a copy of your transcript with this application form.

If you attended elementary school in Watauga County, please indicate school(s) you attended:

Please indicate the college or university that you have applied to, been accepted at, and enrolled for:

III. Financial Information

The scholarship eligibility criteria includes a provision for “a demonstrated need for the scholarship.”

Please indicate your annual gross family income sources:

Mother:

____ less than \$25,000
____ \$25,000 - \$50,000
____ \$50,000 - \$75,000
____ \$75,000 - \$100,000
____ over \$100,000

Father:

____ less than \$25,000
____ \$25,000 - \$50,000
____ \$50,000 - \$75,000
____ \$75,000 - \$100,000
____ over \$100,000

Please provide a statement of financial consideration explaining your situation of need.

IV. References

Please provide two recommendation letters from persons not related to you. These letters should be in sealed envelopes with the signature of the recommender across the seal.

V. Essay

A brief biographical sketch of Mrs. Kate Swift Reese is provided. Please write an essay describing how your being the recipient of the Kate Swift Reese Scholarship would honor the life of Mrs. Reese. The essay should be typed and no longer than 1 page in length.

Kate Swift was born in Watauga County in 1900 and was one of twelve children, of which only six survived to adulthood. She married Asa Reese on New Year's day 1921, and together they raised their 10 children. Kate Swift Reese was no ordinary woman. She taught school for a brief period of time before starting her large family. The Reese family lived on a farm in the Beaver Dam community and the majority of the family was born/or lived through the "Great Depression." She cooked three meals a day, tended a garden, made clothes for the children, washed their clothes with soap that she made, and canned meat and vegetables that were raised on the farm. She made certain that everyone attended church on Sunday and she even found time to prepare and teach Sunday School for more than thirty years. Not only did she provide for and look after her family, but she also gave assistance and encouragement to anyone in the community who needed help. She belonged to the "Beaver Dam Home Demonstration Club" which was organized by the North Carolina Agriculture Extension Service for the purpose of informing homemakers on all aspects of family living. She assisted with 4-H club work and projects in the family and in the community. After most of the children left home she stayed involved with the Agriculture Extension Service by attending meetings and talking to various groups throughout the state. She traveled to Hawaii and Washington DC and to other places in the US to attend educational meetings and would then report back at the county or state level. Many in Watauga County and throughout the state have attested to the fact that Kate Reese has made a difference in the lives of those that she touched. Certainly those of her family will agree that through her teachings and encouragement of the importance of education and moral living that she has made a difference in their lives.

VI. Deliverables

Applications must be received (not postmarked) by March 1st, even if this date falls on a weekend.

Please send this completed application form, the sealed reference letters, and your essay to:

Watauga Education Foundation
ATTN: Kate Swift Reese Scholarship
P.O.Box 2658
Boone, NC 28607

If there are any questions regarding the application process, please call the Watauga Education Foundation's executive director at (828) 268-1273. Additional information may be available at our website, www.wefnc.org.