

Kate Swift Reese Educational Scholarship Endowment for Watauga County

Watauga Education Foundation, Inc., Trustee

2018 Scholarship Application Form

I. Applicant Information

Name: _____

Permanent Address:

Mailing Address: ____check if same as permanent address

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Mother's name & 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 emailed a copy of your transcript with this application form.

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

Will you be the recipient of any other scholarships of third party funds which will be applied to your college tuition and/or related expenses? _____

Do you desire to return to this area to live after you have completed your higher education? _____

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

III. Financial Information

The scholarship eligibility criteria include 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*. The references should email their recommendations (using THEIR email accounts) to wef@wataugaschools.org using the subject line “KSR reference for:” followed by *your* full name.

V. Essay

After reading the brief biographical sketch of Mrs. Kate Swift Reese below, 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 typewritten and 250-300 words 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.

Begin essay HERE:

VI. Deliverables—Email all of the following items to wef@wataugaschools.org :

- A. *Completed application form*, with subject line “KSR Application:” followed by your full name;
- B. *Transcript*, with subject line “KSR Transcript for:” followed by your full name;
- C. *Two recommendation letters*, to be sent on your behalf per instructions above in “IV. References.”

*****All applications & related materials must be received by March 14, 2018.**

Questions may be directed to:

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