**GFWC-NC Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship**

**Local Winner:** One Time **$5000** Scholarship with an opportunity to compete at both the district and state level for additional scholarship funds

**Application Rules – Local/District/State**

This scholarship is awarded based on the **candidate’s character, scholastic records, evidence of intellectual promise, demonstration of ambition, leadership ability, and need for financial assistance.**

Applicant must be present for judging at the time and place designated.

For Local & District contests the applicant must also be present for the presentation of the scholarship.

1. Applicant must be a high school senior residing in North Carolina.

2. Applicant must be in the upper fourth of the class.

3. Applicant must use the official application form (or copies of) on page 7.

4. The scholarship is to be used at a four-year college or university in the state of North Carolina.

5. Citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States.

**The following items must be submitted:**

1. Application form.

2. Recent photograph.

3. A personal letter as to why student desires to continue their education, the student’s future plans, and why financial aid is necessary.

4. Letter of recommendation from either the school principal, school guidance counselor, or a school teacher.

5. Letter of recommendation from a business or professional person OTHER THAN SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

6. Letter of recommendation from the President of sponsoring club.

7. High school transcript, with grades through the first semester of senior year, complete SAT and/or ACT scores, class rank with number of students in class, and grade point average weighted and unweighted.

8. Copy of most recent Federal Tax Returns or FAFSA Summary for applicant’s parent(s) and applicant. Document any significant changes in family income if necessary. Student should mark out SSN before submission.

**Contact Information:**

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**Due Date of Application for the Local (Charlotte) Contest:**

**Must be received by January 11, 2019**

Please mail your application and all required items to Kelly Cunningham at the address noted above.

Interviews will be conducted mid-late January 2019. The location of the interviews is TBD. You must be present for the interview to be considered for the scholarship.