The Annie Mae Watkins Foundation is an organization that offer the opportunity to apply for the following scholarships to Mecklenburg, and surrounding Counties. This pertains to students graduating in 2023 or currently enrolled in an institution:

* For students continuing their education at a 2- or 4-year accredited college, Vocational or Technical School or other accredited post-secondary institution

**Applicant Qualifications:**

* Acceptance at a qualifying institution, as detailed above, for the school year beginning in Fall 2023
* Minimum 2.5 GPA (On scale of 4.0) as of Third Quarter both high school and college, Spring 2023
* Demonstrated responsibility, character and leadership
* Scholarships will be awarded to students who, among other traits, demonstrate responsibility, character, and leadership during their college or high school career. For example, students participating in sports, clubs or school activities, or active in non-profit organizations or volunteer in the community. Decide how you best exemplify these traits, and have it confirmed to the scholarship committee by completing all the application requirements.

**Administrative Procedures:**

**Submit by April 14, 2024**: Application Form, Essay Response Form, Activities Form, Two (2) References, Optional Forms: Employer Reference Form and Additional Reference or Recommendation letter or statement to:

**Annie Mae Watkins Foundation**

**PO Box 217134 Charlotte, NC 28221**

Please feel free to notify Scholarship Committee, Annie Mae Watkins Foundation, if language, or any other issues, present problem with these requirements.

**Application Guidelines**

**STUDENTS SHOULD RETURN ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS, INCLUDING REFERENCES, TO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE by April** **14th, 2024**

**NOTE: Incomplete application packets cannot be accepted and will be returned to the student for completion - deadline of April 14th, 2024 will be adhered to.**

**Scholarship Application Submission:** Confirm all required forms are included

• Application Form completed with student and parent signatures

• Essay Response Form (paragraph format)

• Activities sheet detailing school and community service/activities, achievements, and employment experiences

• Two personal reference forms: One reference must be by a teacher, counselor, or administrator and one reference by student's choice (mentor, sponsor, advisor, coach, or supervisor)

• Employer reference form (**optional**).

• One additional letter of reference or statement that demonstrates character, responsibility and leadership traits (**optional**).

**Scholarship Tuition Payments**

• Annie Mae Watkins Foundation Scholarship recipients will be announced in **June of each year and no later than June 30.**

• Scholarship payment information will be provided with Annie Mae Watkins Foundation Scholarship Recognition

Certificate, and the required forms must be completed and returned to the Scholarship Committee within **seven (7) days** of the due date (due date will be listed on payment information form).

• Annie Mae Watkins Foundation Scholarship Payments will be applied to recipient's post-secondary tuition as soon as possible, but no later than **April 14th, 2024.**

• Questions? Please see Annie Mae Watkins Foundation Scholarship Committee. You may also contact Annie Mae Watkins Foundation President, Tanis Watkins at (704) 506-6888,

[Anniemaewatkins@yahoo.com](mailto:Anniemaewatkins@yahoo.com) or [Pwatkins1911@gmail.com](mailto:Pwatkins1911@gmail.com) Scholarship payments are issued by the Scholarship Committee and may be subject to a distribution schedule with a copy of current classes and Grade Point Average (GPA) .

**Student Application**   **Submission Date: April 14th , 2024**

Applicant Name:

Address:

Phone (Mobile): Phone (Home):

Email:

Full Name and Address of Parents or Guardians:

Father: Mother:

* I have accepted admission at the following college/vocational/technical school or other accredited institution beginning with the Fall 2023 semester/quarter (provide contact information):

Name of institution:

Mailing Address:

Admissions Website or Email Contact:

Grade Point Average (GPA) as of Third Quarter or Currently:

* Applicant confirms a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher as of Third Quarter of current semester:

STUDENT STATEMENT: I have read the requirements pertaining to the Annie Mae Watkins Foundation Scholarship Program and completed all necessary forms. If awarded a scholarship and my institution changes, it will be sent to the new institution with all requirements of being enrolled at that institution. I will inform the Annie Mae Watkins Foundation President and Scholarship Committee about the change of plans for:

1) the scholarship payment to be awarded to my new accredited institution or

2) the scholarship to be withdrawn due to non-enrollment in accredited institution.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN STATEMENT:

Have reviewed the application and to the best of my knowledge, all information is accurate.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

**Application Essay Responses**

**Individual Response Points: up to 10 points each (50 points maximum)**

"To help all students believe in their abilities, work to achieve their goals, and succeed in today's world" is part of the Annie Mac Watkins Foundation Vision. This vision is reflected in a student's character, responsibility, and leadership traits shown in their everyday lives. In providing responses below (4-5 sentences in paragraph format) please provide specific examples of how you have demonstrated these traits or have witnessed and been influenced by others with your community who have demonstrated these traits.

*Concepts to consider in your responses could be:*

*honesty, respect, citizenship, goal setting. work ethics. leadership, relationships, role models, personal responsibility, service to others, helping others to achieve their goals, public education support, advocacy and legislative issues affecting education, health, and safety of students and all children.*

Please answer at least **3 out of 5** responses below in paragraph format (may use additional pages)

1. Describe how you have benefited by participating in extracurricular clubs, organizations, sports, and community service projects.

2. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school.

3. If we were to ask your friends to describe you, what would they say?

4. Describe an accomplishment or event, formal or informal that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.

5. Weave your goals together with a common theme that emphasizes how the scholarship helps you meet your goals.