



The Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia is pleased to offer the Lyda Walden Fletcher Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to qualified students from Pickens County, Georgia. This Scholarship honors Lyda Walden Fletcher, a teacher who loved life, was fierce about reading, and loved to see her students learn. Mrs. Fletcher had that special ability to help her students go just a little farther than expected.

Lyda Walden Fletcher moved to Pickens County during the latter half of her life after a career as a teacher in the Atlanta public schools. She ran a farm, worked with the Head Start Program, and started an Empty Stocking Christmas program for needy children. She volunteered in hospitals and nursing homes, she tutored local children, and she was always interested in the people she was with. She loved her friends and family, and she loved the countryside and people of Pickens County. Her family and friends have established this scholarship in her honor.

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

- Have resided in Pickens County for at least 24 months prior to graduation from high school.
- Be a high school senior graduating from a public high school in Pickens County.
- Have achieved a high school grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5.
- Plan to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college with the intent of pursuing a baccalaureate degree.

The scholarship will be awarded based on a combination of factors including:

- Academic achievement
- Leadership potential
- Well-defined goals and aspirations
- Balanced extra-curricular activities
- Financial need

To apply for this scholarship, please follow the instructions on the enclosed application form and deliver your completed application and supporting documents to your guidance counselor no later than Thursday, March 28, 2024. Your counselor will submit your application along with copies of your high school transcript, GPA, SAT and/or ACT scores. Your application will then be reviewed by our scholarship committee and their decision will be announced at Honors Night. If you have any questions, please talk to your guidance counselor.

# Lyda Walden Fletcher Scholarship

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications will open on Thursday, February 1, 2024. For an application to be considered it must include all the following and be returned to your guidance counselor by Thursday, March 28, 2024.

- \_\_\_ Completed Application Form
- \_\_\_ Acceptance letter from college or university of choice
- \_\_\_ Resume or a PHS Senior Information Sheet (accessible via the PHS Counseling Webpage)
- \_\_\_ Two additional letters of recommendation (at least one from an educator at Pickens High School)
- \_\_\_ Essay (500 words or less)
- \_\_\_ Official High School Transcript
- \_\_\_ SAT and/or ACT Scores

Completed Applications will be sent to the Lyda Walden Fletcher Scholarship Committee and scholarship awards will be made directly to the college for credit to the student's account.

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## APPLICATION

### Requirements in addition to the Application Form:

#### Essay:

Please submit a typewritten essay of 500 words or less discussing your personal and educational goals. State why you feel you should be awarded the Lyda Walden Fletcher Scholarship. You may discuss your accomplishments, your experiences, honors you have received, club memberships, community and/or high school activities.

#### Resume or PHS Senior Information Sheet:

Please submit a resume or a PHS Senior Information sheet listing your academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, etc.

#### Letters of Recommendation:

Please submit letters of recommendation from two (2) references. One letter must be from an educator at Pickens High School. Letters from immediate family members will not be accepted.

*Please fill out the application completely.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street P.O. Box (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Years attended Pickens High School \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of high school graduation \_\_\_\_\_

SAT or ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

#### Participation in Extracurricular Activities: *attach additional list if necessary*

Memberships in organizations \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Offices held in organizations \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Honors and recognitions received \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other activities \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**College or technical school information:**

Name and address of the college you plan to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you submitted your college application? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Date submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (Attach a copy of the acceptance letter)

School tuition per quarter/semester \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Need Assessment: *Will be handled as strictly confidential information***

Total Adjusted gross income for household (from most recent income tax return) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other household income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members residing in household \_\_\_\_\_

Other factors which influence financial need \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Proof of financial information submitted may be required if scholarship is awarded**