

## **Randolph County Democratic Party Education Scholarship Policy**

As part of our commitment to civic engagement, education, and community service, the Randolph County Democratic Party offers one or more annual scholarships in the amount of **\$500 each** to graduating high school seniors. Awards are made as a one-time payment to the recipient's post-secondary institution.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Be graduating seniors attending a public high school governed by an elected school board in Randolph County (currently Asheboro City Schools or Randolph County Schools).
- Be planning to attend a two-year or four-year college, university, or accredited vocational/technical school.
- Be of any political affiliation.

### **Selection Criteria**

Applicants will be evaluated based on:

1. **Civic Engagement** – including campaign work, election volunteering, or other political involvement.
2. **Community Service** – non-political volunteerism or service to others.
3. **Public Engagement or Work Experience** – such as part-time jobs, internships, or leadership roles.
4. **Essay Quality** – applicants will respond to a prompt based on the **Randolph County Democratic Party's purpose statement**.

### **Essay Evaluation**

Essays will be assessed on:

- Demonstrated understanding of the Party's purpose statement.
- Depth and relevance of the student's experiences.
- Clarity of future educational and career plans.
- Evidence of potential for success.
- Overall writing quality (organization, grammar, spelling, and style).

### **Additional Notes**

- Financial need is not a consideration due to limited evaluation resources.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by spring 2026.