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Community Foundation of Henderson County Awards over \$267,000 in Scholarships To Local Students for Higher Education

Hendersonville, N.C., June 19, 2006: The Community Foundation of Henderson County awarded \$267,167 in scholarship assistance to 136 local high school graduates for the 2006-2007 school year. The Foundation awarded 70 new scholarships totaling \$115,500 and renewed 77 scholarships totaling \$151,667.

The Community Foundation received over 2,617 requests for scholarships from 187 students. Students may apply for as many scholarships as they are eligible. After each application was screened, 128 students were invited to interview. Seven volunteer committees totaling 27 members conducted the interviews and made the final selections. "The Community Foundation is extremely grateful to our donors for making these scholarships possible so that these students can further their education at the college of their choice. Some of these students will return to Henderson County after completing their college educations and will become the leaders of this community in the years to come. We are also grateful to the volunteers who interviewed these students and made the difficult decisions as to whom would be awarded the scholarships," stated Jim Hendrix, chairman of the scholarship committee.

All Community Foundation scholarships have guidelines set by the donor. For instance, some scholarships may be intended for graduating seniors wishing to pursue a certain field of study, some may require that the student has financial need or a certain GPA or a combination of these things. Scholarships also vary in the amount from \$500 non-renewable to \$4,000 renewable up to four years. A listing of scholarships is available in December at any Henderson County high school guidance office and at the Community Foundation office.

Upon graduation of the upcoming class of scholarship recipients, the Community Foundation will have paid approximately \$2.34 million to colleges and universities in the form of scholarship assistance for over 640 Henderson County students. For more information call the Community Foundation office at 697-6224 or visit our office at 401 N. Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hendersonville.

Since 1983, the Community Foundation of Henderson County has offered people a variety of ways to touch our community through philanthropic giving. We accept gifts from individuals,

families, businesses and organizations to create a pool of charitable dollars from which grants are awarded to address community needs.

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