What Are the Responsibilities of a Richardson Scholar?

1. Serve as an academic role model within the student body and promote the values of learning and personal development to other students.

2. Meet with other Richardson Scholars and with the President of the College as a group at least once during each semester to discuss both the intellectual atmosphere on the campus and Scholar’s personal experiences in serving as an academic role model to the student body with the goal of developing specific proposals to improve the College’s academic environment.

3. Serve in various student tutoring capacities that will allow the Scholar to exert personal influence on students on a one-to-one basis.

4. Serve on at least one committee of the College in order to help promote overall institutional improvement.

5. Participate in a year-round program of student development directed specifically toward Richardson Scholars that includes field trips, seminars, student presentations, travel, mentorships and internships.

How Do You Apply for a Richardson Scholarship?

Submit a completed copy of the Luns C. Richardson Endowed Scholarship Application to Dr. Jacob E. Butler Jr., Luns C. Richardson Endowed Scholarship, 100 West College Street, Sumter, SC  29150. Also request letters of recommendations be sent to the same address by at least two high school teachers and one high school principal or assistant principal or guidance counselor. Requests for copy of the application form should be sent to the office of Dr. Jacob E. Butler, Jr. either by mail or by email to jbutler@morris.edu or by phone at 803-934-3433.
What is the Luns C. Richardson Endowed Scholarship Program?

The Luns C. Richardson Endowed Scholarship Program was established in 1999 for the purpose of attracting a special group of exceptional students who would serve as role models of academic achievement and academic leadership for the students of Morris College. When fully funded, the program seeks to award four scholarships annually in the amount of $4,500 each, and these scholarships are renewable for up to four consecutive academic years. The program is named for Dr. Luns C. Richardson who has served as President of Morris College since 1974.

What are the Requirements for Receiving a Richardson Endowed Scholarship?

A potential applicant for a Luns C. Richardson Endowed Scholarship:

1. Must be a new freshman student who has been admitted to Morris College and is neither currently enrolled nor has been previously enrolled at any other postsecondary institution.
2. Must have a grade point average of 3.5 out of 4.0 for the first seven semesters of high school work.
3. Must have completed a high school academic curriculum rather than a general or vocational curriculum.
4. Must have exceptional letters of recommendation from at least two classroom teachers and one guidance counselor, principal or assistant principal.
5. Must forward SAT Test results to Morris College.
6. Must agree to participate in an annual two-day training workshop preceding each fall semester to assist in learning to carry out the responsibilities of a scholarship recipient.
7. Must be planning to enroll as a full-time student at Morris College for four consecutive years.
8. Finalists for scholarship awards must present themselves for a personal interview with the President of Morris College.

What are the Criteria for Retaining a Richardson Endowed Scholarship?

In order to retain a Richardson Endowed Scholarship for each succeeding year, the recipient:

1. Must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 for all years of work completed at Morris College.
2. Must enroll as a full-time student for each succeeding academic year with no break in the period of full-time enrollment. (The Richardson Scholarship is not transferable to any other institution.)

Other Applicable Regulations

1. Scholarship awards shall be made only once per year with one-half of the award payable at the beginning of the fall semester and one-half payable at the beginning of the spring semester.
2. A scholarship recipient who fails to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 for all years of work completed shall have the scholarship award withdrawn and shall not be eligible for reinstatement of the award if the cumulative grade point average should later rise to 3.5. However, under exceptional circumstances the withdrawal of a scholarship may be appealed.
3. Scholarship funds that are unexpected because of a student’s academic deficiency or withdrawal from the college shall ordinarily be set aside to permit one or more additional awards to be made for the fall semester of the following year.

**MORRIS COLLEGE**

**LUNS C. RICHARDSON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant

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Home Address or Box Number

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City, State, Zip

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Phone Number

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Name of Parents(s) or Guardian

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Name of High School

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Address of High School

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List High School Activities in Which You Participated:______________________________

In What Academic Subject Will You Major (or list “Undecided”)?

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What is Your Career Goal (or list “Undecided”)?

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This Application and required letters of recommendation should be sent to Dr. Jacob E. Butler, Luns C. Richardson Endowed Scholarship, 100 West College Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Signature of Applicant

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Date