

## **Keesee Scholars Program**

Academic Year 2015-2016

- NEW:** **The Charles B. Keesee Educational Fund was established in 1941 by Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Keesee of Martinsville, Virginia for the purpose of aiding worthy men and women to obtain an education. Averett University has been recognized as an eligible institution where students can qualify to receive financial aid from the fund.**
- WHO:** Students selected must be a United States citizen and a resident of Virginia, North Carolina, or South Carolina. A resident is defined as a person who has lived in Virginia, North Carolina, or South Carolina as a legal resident for a minimum of twelve months immediately prior to entering college. Legal residency is not established by enrollment in any education institution. A student residing in these states for the sole purpose of attending an educational institution in that state shall not thereby establish residency for purposes of preference for consideration. Students must be enrolled in the traditional undergraduate program in order to be considered for the award. Students that are enrolled in the Master's level, IDEAL, or GPS programs are not eligible for the Keesee Scholars Program.
- PRIORITY:** Students will be determined in the following priority ranking for legal residents of Virginia, North Carolina, or South Carolina:
- a. First priority will be students who are Baptist and who are planning to enter full time Baptist religious work.
  - b. Second priority will be given to other Baptist students.
  - c. Third priority will be if any funds remain from the yearly appropriation then students who are not Baptist may be considered.
- WHAT:** The amount of the award will be based on need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) processed results. The maximum award amount cannot exceed \$5000 per academic year. Students selected must maintain a cumulative grade point average of "C" (2.0) or higher.
- HOW:** Applicants must submit a letter from their pastor on church letterhead requesting consideration for the Keesee Scholars program. The letter must be signed and dated by the pastor and list student's name and address as well as current membership status with the church.
- DEADLINE:** There is not a set deadline date but applicants are recommended to have letter from pastor submitted no later than May 1, 2015.
- WHERE:** Letters should be mailed to:  
**Averett University**  
**Student Financial Services Office**  
**420 West Main Street**  
**Danville, VA 24541**
- Please email [finaid@averett.edu](mailto:finaid@averett.edu) or call 1-800-283-7388 or 434-791-5890 and ask for your Financial Services Counselor if you have any questions.
- NOTE:** Averett Assistance Grant (AA) funds are awarded based on student need only. The AA funds come from various University sources including, but not limited to, generous gifts from the Averett University Endowment Fund and the Charles B. Keesee Educational Fund. Although the AA funds description may vary, the total AA amount will remain the same.