



**Laurinburg/Scotland County Area  
Chamber of Commerce**

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**Scholarship Promotes Area Colleges**

The Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce is helping high school seniors that will attend Richmond Community College, St. Andrews Presbyterian College or the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Students can apply for \$1,000 toward their first year's expenses courtesy of the Chamber's Preparing Academically Successful Students (PASS) Scholarship.

"Our PASS Scholarship is the Chamber's way to give back to the local colleges that support Scotland County, and at the same time, help students realize their potential," said Matt Kendall, program director.

The Chamber has presented this scholarship for 16 years. Originally called the Tech Prep Scholarship, the scholarship supported low-income students earn associate degrees. Gradually, the scholarship changed, and students working toward any kind of degree were eligible. In 2008, the scholarship changed to support local colleges. "We still wanted to help low and mid-level income students go to college," said Kendall. "However, we made it exclusively for our local schools to highlight the excellent opportunities available around Scotland County."

Up to five scholarships will be awarded. The applications are available now from Patricia Powell in the Business, Finance and Marketing Academy at Scotland High School and at the Chamber's office at 606 Atkinson Street. Applications can be downloaded, as well, from the Chamber's website at [www.laurinburgchamber.com](http://www.laurinburgchamber.com). The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 9. For more information, call the Chamber at (910) 276-7420.

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