

Z. Smith Reynolds

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Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Honors Civil Rights Icon Andrea Harris

Winston-Salem, NC, February 26, 2021- Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has awarded a \$50,000 honorarium to commemorate the unrivaled civil rights accomplishments of the late Andrea Harris. The funds will go to The North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Foundation and be distributed to Black women attending one of the ten public or private HBCUs within the state.

Harris has been a pioneer for racial and socioeconomic equity in North Carolina, spending more than four decades leading the charge for minority access in business. In 1986, with grants from The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and the North Carolina Association of Minority Businesses, she co-founded the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development, now the National Institute of Minority Economic Development. The Institute, as it's known today, is one of a very short list of national organizations that specialize in eliminating barriers for minorities in business.

"The Institute would not be what it is today without Andrea Harris. She left an unmatched legacy. Her passion for equity will live long into the future because we are committed to carrying her torch and continuing her work," said Kevin J. Price, president, and CEO of The Institute.

Harris was a long-time supporter of North Carolina's historically Black colleges and universities. She strongly believed in access to affordable education. The scholarships from her honorarium will ease the financial burden on families so that students can put their focus toward academics.

"We are so very honored to receive such a generous gift. It will allow us to provide much-needed public affairs exposure to minority students. We are working to ensure there is a steady and diverse stream of future advocates that will support the causes that fueled Andrea Harris' legacy. We must start early training our students to be at the table where the quality of life decisions are made," said Dr. Bobbie Richardson, NCLBCF chairperson.

In addition to Harris' recognition from the NCLBCF, she has also been recognized by Governor Roy Cooper. In July 2020, the governor established The Andrea Harris Social Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force to take a closer look at disparities in communities of color across North Carolina. Governor Cooper commented that Harris was a "trailblazer" and deserved the state's highest accolades.

"Dr. Harris made unprecedented strides in advocating for economic equity, particularly on behalf of African-Americans, women, and other marginalized communities in North Carolina. Her contributions to the community economic development infrastructure in the state will reverberate for generations to come." Maurice "Mo" Green, executive director, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

The honorarium presented by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation is a small token to assist in continuing Andrea Harris' legacy. Students interested in the Harris Scholarship may begin applying in July. The first awards will be given in the fall of 2021.

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ABOUT Z. SMITH REYNOLDS FOUNDATION

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation (ZSR) is committed to improving the quality of life for all North Carolinians. ZSR is a statewide, private, family foundation that has been a catalyst for positive change in North Carolina for more than 80 years. In June 2018, the Foundation announced [All for NC: Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation's Framework for Grantmaking and Learning.](#) Headquartered in Winston- Salem, NC, the Foundation has invested \$608 million into North Carolina. To learn more about ZSR and its All For NC Framework, visit www.zsr.org.

ABOUT NC EARLY CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION

As the state's only organization focused exclusively on children from birth through age eight, the North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation works to promote understanding, spearhead collaboration, and advance policies to ensure each North Carolina child is on track for lifelong success by the end of third grade. Learn more here at buildthefoundation.org/

ABOUT NC CHILD

NC Child advances public policies to ensure that every child in North Carolina has the opportunity to thrive - whatever their race, ethnicity, or place of birth. Alongside partners across the state, NC Child creates campaigns and builds power so children and their families' voices are heard. NC Child works on a wide spectrum of key children's issues including early childhood education, children's health, foster care, juvenile justice, family economic security, and more. To learn more about NC Child, visit nccchild.org.



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Andrea Harris Memorial Scholarship Selection Criteria

- Funds have been given to the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Foundation to be distributed to Black women attending one of the ten public or private HBCUs within the state.
- A GPA of 2.5 or better is required.
- Participation in economic or social community activities is required.
- Eligibility is limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors enrolled in school during the first semester of 2021.
- A one-time award of \$5,000 per HBCU will be given in the fall of 2021.

The Andrea Harris Memorial Scholarship Application may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office or by visiting the nclbcf.org website.

The application deadline is September 30, 2021.

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Andrea Harris Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee

The committee should be selected using the college's or university's internal selection process. The scholarship committee on each campus at the HBCUs will be responsible for selecting the students who meet the criteria for the Andrea Harris Memorial Scholarship.

The chair of this committee will serve as the contact person to communicate the scholarship criteria, application, and distribution of funds.

Scholarship funds will be distributed to the college or university after the scholarship selections are confirmed.



Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation ANDREA HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT PROFILE

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Student ID#: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Number Street Apt/Unit #

City State Zip

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Major: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Classification: _____ GPA: _____

List the honors and other distinctions you have earned:

List your involvement in economic and social community activities:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Are you related to a member of the NC General Assembly or the NCLBCF? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes," who are you related to: _____

What is your relationship with this member? _____

**ESSAY**

On a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay about the role of women in business and nonprofits in your community. The essay should not exceed two double-spaced typed pages.

PHOTO

Please submit, along with this application, a high-quality headshot, preferably taken by a professional photographer. Please send in .jpeg format.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that would jeopardize the inclusion of this application. I hereby also grant the NC Legislative Black Caucus Foundation a perpetual license to use my name, image, likeness, and biographical materials.

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please submit to your school's financial aid office by
September 30th for Fall Semester.**

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Student ID Number: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Major: _____ Classification: _____

Financial Aid Director: _____

Scholarship Candidate's Name: _____

Signature of Financial Aid Director: _____



Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation ANDREA HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CONFIRMATION

Name of Grant: Andrea Harris Memorial Scholarship

Name of Sponsoring Gift Fund: Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation

The members of the selection committee for the above-referenced grant, recommend to the Foundation the grant(s) listed below (additional copies of this page attached for multiple grant recipients). The individuals selected for each such grant or award were chosen based on objective and nondiscriminatory criteria described in the sponsoring Fund Agreement and the supporting documentation attached hereto.

Recipient Name:

Home Address:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

Type of Grant: (e.g., Scholarship, Achievement, or Fellowship)

Grant Amount:

Time Period Covered: _____ to _____

Renewable Grant: ☐ YES ☐ NO

**Educational
Institution:**

Program of Study:

Graduation (Est):

Ethnicity:

Other Important Information:

Signature of scholarship recipient: _____ **Date:** _____

Scholarship Confirmation form to be completed and returned by mail to the sponsoring foundation by October 15, 2021. Please attach a photo of the student with this form for submission to the website.