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## Benjamin Tillman Earns Scholarship

Benjamin Tillman of Morven recently received a \$200 scholarship from the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association, South Central District (NCCEAPA-SC). He is the son of Cynthia Tillman and the late Benjamin Tillman, Sr. Benjamin will be graduating from Anson County Early College and SPCC, and plans to attend North Carolina State University.



Benjamin's teachers described him as an outstanding student, very dedicated and having maintained an A honor roll status throughout his high school career.

Benjamin's counselor stated that, "Benjamin never does anything that is "average. He goes above and beyond in every situation to complete the tasks set before him to the best of his ability. I believe without a shadow of a doubt that whatever Ben sets his mind on he will accomplish. His dedication to his studies and to any activity he partakes in far surpasses many of his classmates. He is not content with just barely getting by in any class. Ben wants to be the top of his class and works incredibly hard to be that and to learn and truly understand the information. This drive to be successful has obviously been instilled in him and is not fleeting. He is an extraordinary young man who will do great things in his life and has great potential for academic success. He also was supportive of the school and various activities."

NCCEAPA-SC District members are Administrative Assistants with NC Cooperative Extension Service South Central District in these 19 counties: Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cumberland, Gaston, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly and Union. Each year the association awards an academic scholarship to a student actively engaged or definitely planning to pursue a career as an office professional in one of 19 counties. This year Anson County students could apply for the scholarship.

The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association, South Central District is honored to help Benjamin Tillman fulfill his dreams and accomplish the goals that he has planned for his life.

## Anson Women's League Scholarship Available

Anson Women's League announces its annual college scholarship program. The Club will award scholarships to three college-bound female graduates from Anson County, including the Eloise Rywak Scholarship.

Applications are welcome from all Anson County high school students. Applications are available through high school counselors or by emailing Caroline Goins at [caroline.goins@ansonchildren.org](mailto:caroline.goins@ansonchildren.org). The deadline to submit the AWL scholarship application is April 12, 2019.

Applicants will be ranked by academic achievements and community service. Anson Women's League welcomes evidence of students' involvement and leadership in clubs, extracurricular activities and charitable service in the community through a written essay. Finalists will also be interviewed by the scholarship committee.

## Anson Alphamen Scholarship Opportunity

A group of African-American men who are natives of Anson County and members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity launched a scholarship catered to college-bound high school senior male students attending Anson County Public Schools. Cedrik Pickett formulated the idea on December 4, and shared the idea with fellow Anson County natives.

The Anson Alphamen Scholarship Foundation, consisting of distinguished gentlemen, became an incorporated nonprofit organization on January 15 by Pickett, Victor Lindsey, Patrick Tanner, Tyrone Davis and Marcus Dean.

"We definitely felt the need to give back to our community in some way that would be beneficial from an educational standpoint," they said.

Other members include Charles McManus, Derrick Spencer and Rodney Leak as fellow trailblazers in this initiative.

Anson Alphamen are a group of US Army veterans, IT managers, energy sector managers, attorneys, and realtors who not only share a deep love for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, but a love for the community in which they grew up.

"First of All, Servants of All, We shall Transcend All" is the motto of the fraternity, and a strong reason for wanting to give back to our community," the founders said.

Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$500 financial award.

The scholarship criteria is as follows:

- Applicant must be a female senior Anson High School, Anson Early College or Anson Academy
- Applicant must be a male United States citizen
- Applicant must submit 2 sealed letters of recommendation from a teacher, principal, counselor, pastor, or community leader that's not a direct relative
- Applicant must provide a copy of their high school transcript
- Applicant must submit their Student Aid Report (SAR)
- GPA of 3.0 unweighted
- Applicant must submit a resume listing their academic standing and achievements
- Applicant must have their application submitted in full by noon on April 11
- One-page typed essay, double spaced, in your own words: "Why is it important to you to receive a college education?"

- Applicant must be permitted to attend a four-year college or university
- Copy of a letter of acceptance must be provided prior to the date of the award

All requirements must be met or the application will not be accepted, with the exception of the college acceptance letter. All documents (application form, transcript, essay, recommendation letters) must be submitted as a whole package prior to the application deadline of noon on April 11. In May two deserving young men will be awarded the first scholarships from the Anson Alphamen.

For more information about this scholarship opportunity call Pickett at 703-380-0291 or email Lindsey at [ansonalphamen@gmail.com](mailto:ansonalphamen@gmail.com).

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