



Marks • Taylor
scholarships
new bern historical society



**Information and Application for the *Harriett Marks Scholarship* and
the *John R. & Alice Land Taylor Scholarship*
awarded by the New Bern Historical Society**

Thank you for your interest in the *Harriett Marks Scholarship* and the *John R. & Alice Land Taylor Scholarship*. The *Marks Scholarship* was established in a trust for the estate of Miss Harriett Marks in 1968, under the terms of Miss Marks' will as a memorial to the O. Marks family. The *Taylor Scholarship*, although a separate entity, is designed to complement and supplement the *Marks Scholarship*. It was created in 2015 and is administered by the North Carolina Community Foundation and sponsored by their grandson to honor the memory of his grandparents. These two scholarships are awarded annually to **one recipient** based on **both academic performance and financial need**. The combined funds generated by these scholarships will provide greater financial assistance for the worthy recipient.

Both scholarships designate that they be awarded to a senior graduating from New Bern High School and that they contribute to the tuition, books, board or lodging for the purpose of obtaining higher education at an accredited college, university, or other institution of higher learning. They are renewable for three succeeding years if academic standards and full-time student status are maintained.

The New Bern Historical Society is very proud of the academic records of our scholarship recipients over the years, and we look forward to contributing to more students who will continue this tradition.

Scholarship applications are available on the New Bern Historical Society website (newbernhistorical.org/scholarships) and on the New Bern High School website (nbh.cravenk12.org/student-life/scholarship-information).

**The 2026 scholarship application deadline is:
Friday, March 20, 2026.**

**HARRIETT MARKS and
JOHN R. & ALICE LAND TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIPS
2026 Application**
(PLEASE COMPLETE IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING)

APPLICANT NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Present address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail _____

Age _____ Date of birth _____

HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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PARENT/GAURDIAN & FINANCES:

Parent: Living _____ Deceased _____

Parent: Living _____ Deceased _____

Full Name _____

Full Name _____

Employer _____

Employer _____

Job Title _____

Job Title _____

of brothers you have _____

of sisters you have _____

Ages of brothers _____

Ages of sisters _____

List others in your family who are in college and their college year. _____

How many people are dependent on your parents for support (including parents)? _____

What is your parents' combined annual gross income before taxes? \$ _____

Will you live on campus, separate apartment, with parents, other? _____

Describe any special financial challenges facing your family. _____

List all other scholarships applied for, the amount of each, and whether you have been awarded any of these to date.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

List all school activities including sports, clubs, and other school organizations of which you have been a member. List school letters won, school honors, class or club offices held, and all other school activities or honors. Attach an additional sheet if this space is insufficient.

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

List all community activities of which you have been a part, positions of leadership held, honors received (for example: religious or church, Boy or Girl Scouts, community drives, sports teams, YMCA, 4-H clubs, etc.).

If you were on our selection committee, why would you choose yourself for this scholarship?
Limit this to approximately 100 words.

Give the name and location of the college you hope to attend. _____

Have you been accepted? YES _____ NO _____ If the answer is "no", what is the present status of your application? _____

State in your own words your educational plans and vocational ambitions.

Limit this to approximately 100 words.

ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE HAND DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESS BELOW by Friday, March 20, 2026, or POSTMARKED on or before March 20, 2026:

“Required documents” includes:

- your completed application for this scholarship
- your high school TRANSCRIPT (including your rank order in your graduating class)
- your SAR (Student Aid Report) after completing the FAFSA
- a LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION from one of your High School teachers while at NBHS
- a LETTER from a RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN (not a relative) testifying to your character, personality, and general worthiness to receive these scholarships
- *Please do NOT include a photo*

Hand delivery of this packet of information is encouraged anytime **Monday through Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.**

New Bern Historical Society
511 Broad Street
New Bern, NC 28560

Applicant's Signature_____

Parent (or Guardian) Signature_____

Follow-up process:

- Finalists will be notified if they are to interview with the Scholarship Committee in the March/April timeframe.
- Following the interviews, the Scholarship Committee will notify the person to whom the scholarship is awarded in the April/May timeframe.
- The *Harriett Marks* and *John R. & Alice Land Taylor Scholarships* will be awarded at the Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner of the New Bern Historical Society. The awardee and parents are invited to the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner as guests of the Historical Society.