



**Sam and Mary Hart
Endowed Scholarship for Science
2027-2028 Application**

The Hart Scholars Program is privately funded and is awarded to one incoming Lees-McRae College student planning to major in a Science or Health Sciences academic program. The selected student must exhibit high school leadership skills and strong moral character as evidenced by service in the community. Application materials that include application, a typed essay and two reference evaluation forms must be submitted to the Director of Financial Aid by February 15, 2027.

Scholarship is renewable as long as the student remains enrolled at Lees-McRae College in good academic standing with a minimum of 3.0 GPA and provides demonstration of campus leadership activities.

Print Name		Date of Birth
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone		Email
Grade Level		Anticipated Graduation Date

Required Application Materials:

Please read carefully. All support materials must be attached to the application.

- ☐ Typed essay, not exceeding one page (double-spaced with 1-inch margins in 12-point font), stating your goals, why you want to be a science or health science professional, and your assessment of your potential for making a moral contribution to the sciences, healthcare and society.
- ☐ Two completed reference evaluation forms addressing academic aptitude and potential for success in the field of science or health science. Reference evaluations may be completed by your teachers, advisors and/or principal.

What Science/Health Science Education courses have you completed in high school?

What are your future career plans?



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Leadership Activities and Recognition: List any school offices you have held, activities you have been involved in, and a clear statement of your leadership, responsibility and commitment for each:

Year	Office Held/Committee/Activity	Responsibilities

Community Involvement: List community activities (other than school activities) that you have been involved in:

Year	Organization Involved	Your Participation/Responsibilities

Additional information you would like us to consider:

I hereby make application for the Sam and Mary Hart Endowed Scholarship for Science at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please return completed application, essay, and two reference evaluations to:

**Karen King, Director of Financial Aid
Lees-McRae College
PO Box 128
Banner Elk, NC 28604
or email finaid@lmc.edu**

Reference Evaluation Form

Thank you for providing additional feedback on your student.

To be completed by student

Student Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

To be completed by teacher, advisor, or principal

These educational funds are sought to assist in completing a program of study towards a Science or Health Science degree from Lees-McRae College.

Please complete this evaluation and provide a reference addressing academic aptitude and potential for success in the field of Science or Health Science. The Sam and Mary Hart Endowed Scholarship for Science is competitive and awarded based on scholarship and the potential for contribution to the profession and society. Return the reference to the applicant who will submit it with the application.

Educator Name _____ Type _____

School _____ City, State _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Background Information

How long have you known the student? _____

What grade level(s) did you work with this student? _____

If you taught this student, please include courses and level of difficulty.

Reference Evaluation Form

Student Assessment

What two words come to mind to best describe this student? _____

Compared to other students in his/her class year, how do you rate this student in each of the following categories?

	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A
Academic Achievement	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Intellectual Promise	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Productive Class Discussion	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Respect for Others	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Disciplined Work Habits	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Maturity Level	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Leadership Ability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Taking Initiative	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ability to Collaborate	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Time Management	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Organization Skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Communication Skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Additional Comments:

Signature _____ Date _____