

**APPLICATION MUST
BE RECEIVED BY
APRIL 15, 2026**

Submit materials to:

Yadkin Valley United Fund
David Steelman Scholarship
PO Box 593
Elkin, NC 28621

940 N Bridge St (Rescue Squad)

Questions/comments to:

Yadkinvalleyunitedfund@gmail.com

MJ Swaim - Executive Director
336.469.5988

Yadkin Valley United Fund David Steelman Scholarship 2025-26 School Year

Application requirements:

- **Must meet the award requirements outlined in application and online**
- **MUST** be legible and written in pen or typed
- Make yourself a copy of your entire application for your future reference
- Your application must be **RECEIVED** by April 15th 2026
Applications may be mailed or delivered in person. **You will receive confirmation that we received your application via email by 5-1-26. If you do not hear from us by this date, please call.**
- Verifications are made in April and you will be notified of your award status **no later than 5/15/26.**
- Scholarships will be awarded at YVUF May 2026 board meeting. You will be notified when and where this will take place.

yadkinvalleyunitedfund.org

Email:

Yadkinvalleyunitedfund@gmail.com

Yadkin Valley United Fund David Steelman Scholarship APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions about your volunteer work and how to count it at yadkinvalleyunitedfund@gmail.com at 336-469-5988.

- I have included the student information page of the application with my signature and the signature of my parent/guardian
- I have included a completed academic eligibility form
- I have included verification forms documenting all of my community volunteer service work that I'd like verified and included for this award
- I have made a copy of my application for my future reference
- I am confident that my documented volunteer work is legitimate
- My community service/volunteer work meets the guidelines as outlined in the YVUF scholarship application
- I have included a completed one page essay and two reference letters
- My application will be received by YV United Fund by April 15, 2026.**

For Office Use Only
____ Received
____ Confirmed

Yadkin Valley United Fund David Steelman Scholarship

(East Wilkes, Elkin, & Starmount High Schools)

APPLICATION

Deadline April 15, 2026

First Name:

Last Name:

Name Pronunciation:

High School:

Expected Graduation Year :

(If attended more than one High School, please indicate both on this form)

Mailing Address:

City:

Zip:

Email:

Phone :()

(ALL NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS ADDRESS)

Extra Curricular Activities:

How many hours did you volunteer?

_____ Total number of hours served through
school-related activities (at least one activity)
+ _____ Total number of hours served outside of
school related activities (at least 50 hours)
(community service)
= _____ **Total number of hours**

**Agencies where your volunteered work was
completed:**

College/University you plan on attending _____

Intended College major/degree _____

List awards, honors, scholarships you have received in the past 4 years.

Student Signature: (X)

Date:

I performed the documented hours of community service included in my application.

Parent/Guardian Agreement:

I hereby assign to Yadkin Valley United fund all rights to video and audio recordings and all photographs of my child made in connection with Yadkin Valley United Fund David Steelman Scholarship. I hereby authorize editing, duplication, reproduction, copyright, exhibition, broadcast and/or other use and distribution of such recordings or quotations for purposes deemed suitable by the Yadkin Valley United Fund. I also waive any right to approve or disapprove the finished products.

Parent/Guardian Name: (mother)

(father)

Parent/Guardian Signature (1): (X)

Date:

**We would also like the opportunity to keep you informed of our programs and would like to add you to our confidential mailing list. If you prefer not to be added, please check the box.*

Please DO NOT contact me

Email:

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ELIGIBILITY

Deadline April 15, 2026

This form must be completed and returned with your application in order for it to be considered complete.

Please remember to complete this form before Spring Break.

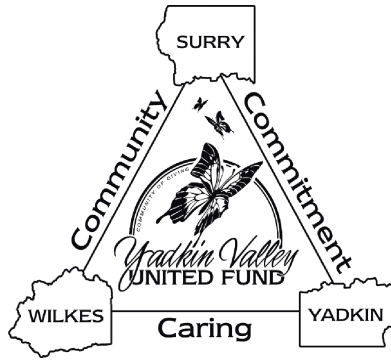
Yadkin Valley United Fund requires students applying for the Yadkin Valley United Fund David Steelman Scholarship to be in good standing with the school they attend. Students applying for this scholarship must meet the academic requirements and eligibility guidelines as set forth by their school and the Yadkin Valley United Fund Scholarship Committee.

Yadkin Valley United Fund requires that recipients maintain at least a 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA), and be from the Elkin, Starmount or East Wilkes High School. Each recipient must be enrolling in a college program during 2026. Each recipient must have a minimum of 40 hours of community service/volunteer hours in the last twelve months at a non-profit organization located in Surry, Yadkin, or Wilkes county. Must also have one school related volunteer activity in the last twelve months.

One Senior student from each of the above listed schools will receive a scholarship in an amount between \$1,000 and \$2,000 each.

Each applicant must turn in all paperwork before the official deadline. The applicant must demonstrate what the Yadkin Valley United Fund David Steelman scholarship stands for: Community, Commitment and Caring.

The academic eligibility check must be completed by an appropriate staff member. In most schools, this may be the athletic secretary. If you are unclear on who this person is, please ask in the main office of your high school or contact your school counselor.



Remember: Do not wait until the last minute to get this form signed. This may take a few days to process. We will not be able to process ANY application without a signed eligibility form. If you neglected to get this form signed and fear your application will not be accepted, please call us at 336-469-5988. We cannot accept a transcript in lieu of this form.

Student Name (*Print*): _____

School: _____

I verify that, as of (*date*) _____, the above listed student meets the academic standards and good standing requirements as set forth by (*school name*) _____ and the 2.0 GPA requirement as set forth by the Yadkin Valley United Fund.

Staff Member Name (*Print*): _____

Staff Signature: (X) _____

Contact Phone: _____

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COMMUNITY SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM

Deadline April 15, 2026

Copies of this form must be completed for each agency/organization/school/club for which you have performed service. Only one form is needed per supervisor for total hours spent with that supervisor. **You will only receive credit for the number of qualifying hours we are able to verify.**

Student Name:

Number of hours to verify:

Organization, club or school name that you volunteered with:

This opportunity is: School related Non-school related (outside of school activities)

When did you volunteer?

Ongoing Volunteering:

Please list time frame

One-time volunteer:

Please list specific date

Brief description of volunteer work you performed:

VERIFICATION CONTACT INFORMATION (Please PRINT all information clearly)

Please provide as much contact information as your supervisor allows. Be sure to tell them that a Yadkin Valley United Fund volunteer will be contacting them in April to verify your hours. We recommend including multiple contact methods to ensure we are able to fully process your application.

Adult Supervisor:

Organization:

Title:

Email:

MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE PHONE NUMBER

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

Best time/method to be contacted:

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Essay

The Yadkin Valley United Fund is founded on *caring* individuals giving back to the *community* by staying *committed* to community needs (Triple “C”). Please describe a local agency that you feel is beneficial to your community and why. Also explain why a sense of commitment and community involvement are important. Lastly, describe any issues/needs of your community that you would like to address.