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## **Local Golf Tournament Funds Scholarships for College Students**

Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation announced earlier this month that Joseph and Sandra Furr gifted \$5,500 to the J. Daniel Furr Memorial Scholarship Fund. These funds were made possible through proceeds from the Daniel Furr Memorial Golf Tournament held at Connestee Falls in October. This gift will fund 11 scholarships at \$500 each for students enrolled at Blue Ridge Community College in 2011-2012.

First awarded in 2010, the J. Daniel Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Joseph and Sandra Furr when their son Daniel died unexpectedly in 2008 when he was only 19. At the time of Daniel's death, he had completed coursework at Blue Ridge Community College Transylvania County Campus and was anticipating enrolling at Western Carolina University. The Furr Scholarship is awarded to full-



time students with financial need who are enrolled in degree programs (grade point average of 3.0 or above) at Blue Ridge Community College. Recipients must also be Transylvania County residents, citizens of the United States of America, and born after 1987. Finally, each recipient must be willing to sign a Pledge of Honor agreeing to abstain from using alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs during the time period that he or she is receiving this scholarship.

"We plan to continue the J. Daniel Memorial Scholarship Fund indefinitely and expand it each year to benefit even more students," said Joseph Furr. "Sandra and I believe these students deserve a chance at higher education if they are willing to meet the criteria and complete the work. Also, we want to continue to draw attention to the dangers of underage alcohol

usage and help educate students and families on this growing problem. Several educational resource links are included on the tournament's Web site at [www.danielfurrmemorialgolf.com](http://www.danielfurrmemorialgolf.com). We greatly appreciate the outstanding community support we have seen for the First and Second Annual Daniel Furr Memorial Golf Tournaments and are now planning the next event for October of 2011."

In keeping with its commitment to academic excellence, Blue Ridge Community College annually awards more than 250 scholarships to qualifying Blue Ridge students. These scholarships are made possible by the fundraising efforts of Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation. Scholarship applications for the 2011-2012 academic year are currently available on the College Web site, from College admissions representatives, and area high school counselors. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2011.

*Pictured left to right: Sandra Furr, Joseph Furr, Furr Scholarship recipient Caroline Conard, and Blue Ridge Community College Dean for Transylvania Programs Dr. Chad Merrill*

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