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# 29 Students Win Scholarships

Four high school seniors from Gastonia and the western Piedmont area of North Carolina are winners in the company's Scholarship Awards Program for 1960. One from Gastonia is among 29 across the nation to win a full tuition, four-year scholarship to the accredited college or university of their choice. Each of the remaining three honored in the western Piedmont N. C. area earned a Certificate of Merit and a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond.

Betty Ann McAbee, winner of the full scholarship, is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard B. McAbee of 901 Home Trail, Gastonia. Her father is assistant division manager of the cotton department at Firestone Textiles.

Others of the area awarded a Certificate of Merit and a U.S. Savings Bond are:

Betty Jane Francum, 17, a senior at Ashley High School. Her mother is a tool room clerk in the mechanical department.

Mary Ann Moss, 17, also a senior at Ashley High. Her father is staff assistant in process refinement and development here.

Frances E. Fickling, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott R. Fickling Jr., 120 31st Avenue NE, Hickory, a senior at Claremont Central High School. Mr. Fickling is employed in the retail stores system of the company.

The scholarships, available only to sons and daughters of Firestone employees, include fees, textbooks and a substantial contribution toward room and board at school.

Eligibility is based upon membership in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and upon application for admission to Erskine, and rating on a College Board examination. Awards are then made on the basis of scholarship, character, and personality.



## Erskine Choice Of Miss McAbee

Betty Ann McAbee, Gastonia's 1960 winner of a full four-year college scholarship from Firestone, has set her heart on a career in elementary school education. The Ashley High School senior has been accepted for this year's freshman class at Erskine College, Due West, S. C.

An honor student at Ashley, Miss McAbee is active in student government. She is home room president, a member of the mixed chorus and Pep Club, and an officer in the Bible Club.

She is the seventh high school senior from families of the Firestone Gastonia plant to win the top scholarship since the company began its educational-aid program in 1953.

In addition to the Firestone education grant, Miss McAbee has won an Erskine College scholarship from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod. Hers is one of four such scholarships awarded to incoming freshmen this year. They are renewable up to four years, provided recipient does satisfactory work.



The North Carolina Rural Safety Council was formed recently to promote farm and rural safety in the State. The organization will seek to encourage accident control in living conditions for North Carolinians of rural areas.



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### New Program Feature

The Certificate of Merit award, presented to a total of 104 applicants, is a new feature of the Firestone program. It was adopted by the scholarship committee as a way of recognizing applicants for their outstanding academic records in high school. It will remain a permanent part of the program.

In announcing the 1960 winners, company chairman Harvey S. Firestone Jr., pointed out that industry has a substantial interest in contributing to the education of the nation's youth.

"The Firestone scholarship program provides financial assistance to worthy sons and daughters of Firestone employees who seek a college education," he said. "Since 1953, when the program was begun, 197 four-year scholarships have been awarded. Now 97 scholarship students are attending 67 colleges and universities.



MERIT CERTIFICATE winners Mary Ann Moss (left) and Betty Jane Francum—in Ashley High School library— discuss their career futures. They are the first Gastonia area scholarship applicants to receive Certificates of Merit, this year added as a permanent feature of Firestone's educational-aid program. Both students plan to enter Woman's College at Greensboro this fall. Miss Moss will major in mathematics; Miss Francum, psychology.

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