



FALCONER FOUNDATION
ARTS & SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE 2020

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LOCAL FALCONER FOUNDATION ORGANIZATION AWARDS FIRST MAJOR ARTS & SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP

Iredell County, NC – The [Falconer Foundation](#), a nonprofit organization serving Iredell County, is excited to announce their first major scholarship to a local resident. The Foundation was established in 2020 in order to award scholarships on an annual basis to high school seniors enrolled in either Iredell-Statesville Schools or the Mooresville Graded School district. The scholarships may be used for higher education opportunities or the pursuit of a certified trade.

Made possible by both sponsors and individual donations, as well as the consistent volunteer efforts of the [Foundation's Board](#), a scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 was recently bestowed to a very deserving individual: Lyric Contarino, a recent graduate from North Iredell High School, who is currently attending Brevard College. Lyric is a spunky, outgoing, beautiful human being with a longtime passion for the arts. While at North Iredell High, she was involved in the theatre, the choir, on the Colorguard team, and on the yearbook staff. She was able to attend Brevard this fall to pursue her musical theatre degree thanks to a performing arts scholarship as well as the endowment from Falconer Foundation.

"I've been participating in choir, Colorguard, and musical theatre for a very long time. After performing for people for the first time, I knew it was for me," said Lyric. "Performing arts took the shy young girl I once was and turned me into a confident young woman." "We're so ecstatic to be able to award our first scholarship to such an amazing young lady," said Cortney Frasier, Director of the Falconer Foundation. "Lyric exemplifies all the qualities we are looking for in a recipient. We sincerely hope to support more worthy individuals in the future."

Two benefit concerts, held in October of 2021 and April of 2022, helped with building the initial base of funding. "The support has been phenomenal," said Dennis Cowardin, Chairman of the Falconer Foundation. "It just goes to show that our residents and local businesses are absolutely dedicated to giving back to those that embrace the arts and services that are so crucial to our community." The next benefit concert for the Foundation is scheduled for October 22, 2022 from 3-6pm at [College Street Studios in Downtown Mooresville](#). The event features live music by Coddle Creek and food and drinks for purchase by local entrepreneurs. The event, as always, is free and open to the public; donations are encouraged. "We were able to provide support for such a commendable student thanks to the Foundation's efforts and our last two events," added Cowardin. "We raised \$10,000 this go-round, so let's absolutely go for double that next time!" Find out more about the [Falconer Foundation and their upcoming event here](#).

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