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Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation Increases Scholarship Stipend Paid to Qualifying
High School Student
Applications Now Being Accepted for Additional Scholarship Recipients

Cincinnati, OH November 2, 2009 - The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation (CFS) has increased the size of its high school scholarship pool by almost \$100-thousand dollars and will use the money to improve the size of the monthly scholarship checks provided to qualifying high school students in Cincinnati Public Schools. Students enrolled in the program will see their checks increase by about \$20 dollars a month. The exact amount is based on GPA and attendance and can total \$60 per month, plus a semester bonus. The value of a CSF high school scholarship can now reach almost \$800 dollars per school year.

Last year the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation served nearly 260 junior high and high school students from Cincinnati Public Schools and the Foundation is currently accepting applications for this year's class. Scholarship dollars are awarded with no restriction on their use. Most students report using the cash for school supplies, clothing, transportation, college savings, and other expenses related to school activities.

Qualifying students must be in grades seven through twelve and referred by their guidance counselors based on academic performance, financial need, character and determination. Students accepted into the program must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and have three or fewer absences per semester.

"These scholarships not only reward students for their achievements, but they also provide an incentive to get to school everyday and continue to perform," said Kristen Merica, CSF High School Program coordinator. "We've increased the dollar amount to help relieve the financial stress some students face when they try to balance the demands of school and homework with the need for a part-time job."

Last year, 100 percent of the seniors reported that they intended to enroll in college in the 2009. Participants had an average GPA of 3.02 and recorded an average of 3.5 absences, all well above the district averages.



“We are very excited about the enhancements to the scholarship program,” said Mary Ronan, CPS superintendent. “Our students deserve and appreciate this increase, and we are grateful to CSF for their continual support.”

In addition to cash rewards, the CSF provides its scholarship students with access to a comprehensive college access program that is designed to help students learn about and prepare for college. Some of the services offered include a computer lab, tutoring services, college access workshops, college campus visits, career exploration tools and assistance with understanding financial aid options.

“We hope to encourage students to pursue post-secondary learning opportunities and to support them in their efforts to be the best students they can be,” said Ned Hertenberg, President of the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation.

About Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation

The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation began in 1918 as a Scholarship Committee of the Vocational Bureau. The CSF was founded as an agency devoted to keeping high school students in school. By evolution, the CSF began assisting college students attending the University of Cincinnati, with their goal being to select, supervise, and follow-up on the chosen recipients. Through private and corporate funds and educational foundations, the CSF programs continued to grow. In 1946, the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation officially became a non-profit organization making all contributions tax deductible. Visit www.CincinnatiScholarshipFoundation.org for a complete listing of foundations.

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