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**Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation to Present Success Stories in Cincinnati City Council's
Quality of Life Committee chaired by Council Member Laure Quinlivan**

High School Scholarship Program to be Reviewed

Cincinnati, OH April 5, 2010 - The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation (CFS) will be presenting its academic year successes to the Cincinnati City Council Quality of Life Committee on April 13, 2010, at 12:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 801 Plum. Street.

The committee, which covers education, will receive Cincinnati Public School (CPS) student involvement information and learn more about how the High School Scholarship program advances academic success for students facing financial challenges. Special information will also be provided on the upcoming High School Awards Dinner at Xavier University, Schiff Family Conference Center at the Cintas Center on May 10th. At the dinner CPS students will be honored for their hard work throughout the school year.

Students in the program receive a monthly scholarship check based on their grades and attendance. This incentive based program rewards success and allows students the freedom to put school first and a part time job second.

During the 2008-2009 school year, the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation's High School Scholarship Program served 259 students from 32 different Cincinnati Public Schools. Almost \$90,000 dollars was paid out in scholarship stipends. Students received, on average, \$363.00 for their academic efforts.

The highest performing students can earn up to \$800.00 dollars a year. Students report that the scholarship helps keep them motivated. Students in the program had an average

GPA (grade point average) just over 3.0 and reported far fewer absences than the district average.

Students in the program also attend a variety of activities designed to improve their school performance and help them go on to college. The program offered 13 college access workshops and four campus tours to encourage and support college admission. The CSF is also a source for resources and information about college, financial aid, and entrance exams.

Program Director, Kisten Merica will also present a short video at the April 13th meeting.

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.

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