

Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH GOLDSMITH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Birmingham Unitarian Church Goldsmith Scholarship is to provide educational scholarship support to the graduates of Pontiac High School (and its predecessors).

The scholarship awards \$2,000 annually and successful recipients are eligible for renewal for up to three additional years.

The scholarship materials are available online on the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan Website at <http://cfsem.org/scholarships>

March 15th is the priority deadline for applying.

WHO MAY APPLY?

- Pontiac High School seniors entering college or a Pontiac High School (or its predecessors) graduate returning to college
- Applicants must be aged 30 years old or younger at the time of college enrollment
- Dependents of the employees of the Foundation, members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation as well as dependents of members of the selection committee and their dependents, are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

- Strong scholastic performance of a 2.5 or better while in high school or 2.0 or better in college (4.0 grade scale)
- Demonstrate financial need (Pell Grant eligible)
- Demonstrate the potential for academic achievement in higher education

WHAT ARE THE AWARD CONDITIONS?

- Application or acceptance as a full- or part-time student at an accredited educational public college or university in Michigan
- Recipients must enroll full- or part-time at a public college in Michigan
- If an award recipient withdraws from the educational institution, the award will be cancelled and the unspent portion will be returned to the Community Foundation
- If a recipient chooses to enroll at a different educational institution than originally indicated, he/she may use the scholarship at any of the other public colleges or universities in Michigan

- All awards will be made without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or sexual identification
- All Birmingham Unitarian Church Goldsmith Scholarship winners are required to submit an official academic transcript at the end of their year of award.

HOW WILL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PAYMENTS BE MADE?

- Award payments will be made to the Financial Aid Office, or its equivalent, of the educational institution in the name of the educational institution. Payments are limited to tuition and fees, books and supplies and room and board expense.
- Award payments will be made as soon as the (1) recipient has signed and returned the Terms of Grant Agreement to the Community Foundation, (2) the recipient has notified the Community Foundation of the eligible university in which he/she plans to enroll, (3) the university has verified enrollment and (4) the university has verified that it will not reduce previously awarded grant/scholarship aid as a result of this award, unless required by federal or state law.
- Awards are subject to state and federal income guidelines.

ARE AWARDS RENEWABLE?

- The Birmingham Unitarian Church Goldsmith Scholarship is renewable to successful recipients for up to three years.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Go to <http://cfsem.org/scholarships> to draft and submit your application online.
- March 15th is the priority deadline for applying.

If you need additional information or materials, please contact the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan at (313) 961-6675 or scholarships@cfsem.org