Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

LEONARD, BUTCHER AND SMELTZER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Leonard, Butcher and Smeltzer Scholarship is to provide educational scholarship support to public school graduates of the Wayne-Westland School District.

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

March 15th is the priority date for applying.

BACKGROUND

Myrna E. Smeltzer established this scholarship in her family's names to help the graduating seniors of the Wayne-Westland School District to meet their educational expenses.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Members of the graduating class at John Glenn High School and Wayne Memorial High School.

Employees of the Foundation, members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation as well as dependents of employees of John Glenn or Wayne Memorial High School, dependents of the Wayne-Westland School District and dependents of the scholarship selection committee are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

- Demonstrate exemplary desire, ability and good grades with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Participation and leadership in school activities and extracurricular involvement.
- Financial need.
- All awards will be made without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or sexual identification.

WHAT ARE THE AWARD CONDITIONS?

- Application or acceptance as a full-time student at an accredited educational institution in the 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 or private colleges or universities that are tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- All Leonard, Butcher and Smeltzer 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 Leonard, Butcher and Smeltzer Scholarship allows students to apply for renewal for up to four additional years. Students are permitted to interrupt their studies for up to 18 months and continue eligibility.
- Renewal candidates must maintain full-time status and a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

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