

# Community Foundation

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## FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

### ORDOÑEZ FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan*

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of the Ordoñez Family Scholarship Fund is to assist students who are graduates of any Detroit Public School, or tax- exempt charter or private high school located in southwest Detroit.

Applicants must be a resident of southwest Detroit during the entire time the applicant attended high school. One renewable scholarship of \$1,250 (renewable for up to four years, for a total value of \$5,000) will be awarded.

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

*March 15<sup>th</sup>* is the priority date for applying.

#### BACKGROUND

Magglio Ordoñez was born in Caracas, Venezuela in 1974 and made his Major League debut in 1997 with the Chicago White Sox. Mr. Ordoñez's outstanding career in Major League Baseball has been studied with achievements (six-time All Star, three-time Silver Slugger and 2007 American League Batting Champion).

When Magglio Ordoñez signed with the Detroit Tigers in 2005, he committed an annual contribution to the Detroit Tigers Foundation. It was decided that funding would be used to support scholarship and youth baseball opportunities for Detroit youth. It is the hope of Mr. Ordoñez, his wife, Dagly, and their children that opportunities created by this scholarship will benefit the residents of southwest Detroit.

Established in 2005 as an affiliate of Ilitch Charities, the Detroit Tigers Foundation is the official charity of the Detroit Tigers and serves the greater Detroit community. The Detroit Tigers Foundation reflects the commitment of the Detroit Tigers organization, its owners, management, players and coaches to invest in its community. It is the mission of the Foundation to enhance lives through the game of baseball with a focus on youth, education and recreation.

#### WHO MAY APPLY?

To be eligible, applicants must be a resident of southwest Detroit and have attended a southwest Detroit high school for their entire secondary education. "Southwest Detroit" is loosely defined as the area south of I-94 and west of the I-75/I-96 interchange. Please contact the Community Foundation or your high school guidance counselor if you are unsure whether you reside in or your high school is located within that area.

Employees of the Community Foundation, members of the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation, relatives and employees of Mr. and Mrs. Magglio Ordoñez, employees of Ilitch Charities for Children, employees of the Detroit Tigers Foundation, employees of the Detroit Tigers, Inc. and members of the selection committee, and dependents of any of the above, are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

## WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

- Strong scholastic performance while in high school with an equivalent of a 3.0 or better grade point average (4.0 scale) or while in college or university with an equivalent of a 2.5 or better grade point average (4.0 scale).
- Civic involvement as demonstrated by extra-curricular activities, service in school and community, volunteer involvement and/or paid work experience with an emphasis on demonstrated leadership and character.
- Application or acceptance as a full-time student at a tax exempt public or private college or university in the United States.
- A written personal statement that describes your educational plans and career goals, and motivating factors and important experiences which have helped to shape your personal philosophy and future goals.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need by the completion of the current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Financial Aid) online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).
- All awards will be made without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or sexual identification.

## WHAT ARE THE AWARD CONDITIONS?

- 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 in the United States that are tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- All Ordoñez Family 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 Ordoñez Family Scholarship is renewable. Students must reapply for scholarship consideration using the renewal application provided by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. Recipients are required to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 or higher (4.0 scale) while attending college or university. Renewal is not assured.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

- Go to <http://cfsem.org/scholarships> to draft and submit your application online.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:scholarships@cfsem.org)