

Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

JEPHTHA WADE SCHUREMAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Schureman Scholarship Program is to assist students who are residents of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Lenawee, Washtenaw, Livingston and St. Clair counties attend one of the 15 public universities in Michigan. Up to ten scholarships of \$7,500 each will be awarded to students each year. The scholarship is not renewable, but Schureman Scholars may reapply for scholarship consideration.

Notification of the Schureman Scholarship Program is sent to the Financial Aid Office at each of the 15 nonprofit, public universities in Michigan with a request to make the information available to their students.

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

The Jephtha Wade Schureman Scholarship Program was established following Mr. Schureman's death by the Jephtha W. Schureman Trust, and his niece, Barbara Anne (Grant) Harness, upon his request and on his behalf. Mr. Schureman was a graduate of Detroit College of Law. Immediately following graduation in 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Force and served the duration of World War II. In his life, he was a noted attorney in Detroit, Michigan. He also lectured as an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Dental School and the medical schools of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. He served as President of the Detroit Bar Association. It was his desire to establish a fund to help fatherless children attend college.

WHO MAY APPLY?

To be eligible, applicants must be residents of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Lenawee, Washtenaw, Livingston or St. Clair counties at the time of high school graduation, though preference will be given to candidates who were residents of these counties during the four years they attend high school. High school seniors and currently enrolled college students may apply for scholarship consideration.

Employees of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and their dependents, and members of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan Board of Trustees and their dependents, are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

- Applicants must demonstrate strong scholastic performance while in high school or college with an equivalent of a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).
- Applicants must demonstrate leadership and character through extracurricular activities, service in school and community, volunteer involvement and paid work experience.
- While still a minor, each candidate must be fatherless through either death or by permanent termination of parental rights. Termination of parental rights must be determined by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction, by release for purposes of adoption given by the father (not a guardian) to the Department of Human Services or licensed child placement agency, or before a probate or juvenile court, or by any other process recognized by law as governing the parent-child status at the time of termination, excepting termination by death or emancipation. The applicant cannot have an adoptive father at the time of application.
- Preference will be given to candidates between the ages of 17-27 at the time of application and to those pursuing full-time education.
- Candidates must be pursuing, or plan to pursue, a degree in the fields of law, nursing, medicine or dentistry.
- Candidates must apply to or be admitted to one of the 15 nonprofit, public universities in Michigan as a full-time student. Full-time enrollment at one of these 15 educational institutions is required. The 15 Michigan nonprofit, public universities are: Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Michigan-Flint, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.
- Candidates must provide a written personal statement that describes his or her 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 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Financial Aid) online at www.fafsa.gov. A copy of the online FAFSA application must be submitted to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan as part of the online application process to determine the financial need of the applicant.
- 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 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 nonprofit public universities in Michigan. Candidates who do not elect one of these fifteen universities will forfeit the scholarship.
- All Schureman Scholars 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 expenses.
- Award payments will be made as soon as (1) the recipient has signed and returned the Terms of Grant Agreement to the

- Foundation, (2) the recipient has notified the 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.
- Once received by the university, the award will be disbursed in two equal payments. Before the second disbursement can occur, the university must verify that the student has a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average before releasing funds.
- Awards are subject to state and federal income guidelines.

CAN I REAPPLY?

Schureman Scholars are allowed to reapply in future years for scholarship consideration. Preference will be given to previous recipients to continue their studies provided the recipient has a 3.0 or better grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) and maintained full-time enrollment.

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