

Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

CHRIS M. KURZWEILSCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Chris M. Kurzweil Scholarship Program is to assist the legal dependents of employees of Intertape Polymer Group in pursuing a program of undergraduate education. One scholarship for \$1,000 is awarded yearly to a student entering college as freshman in the following year. Scholarship recipients may reapply in each of three additional years, if full-time enrollment has been maintained. Award determinations will be made with the assistance of the Chris M. Kurzweil Scholarship Program Advisory Committee.

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

March 15th is the application deadline.

BACKGROUND

The Chris M. Kurzweil Scholarship Program was established by Mr. Chris M. Kurzweil, former Chief Executive Officer of American Tape. The founder wishes to assist the children of Intertape Polymer Group employees to reach their fullest potential and to have access to a college or university of their choice.

WHO MAY APPLY?

In order to be eligible, each applicant must be the dependent of a current employee of Intertape Polymer Group (Marysville, Michigan) who is in good standing and has been employed for at least three years. The children of highly compensated employees may not be eligible for scholarship consideration. Scholarship applicants must be entering their first year of college in the fall.

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

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

- Strong scholastic performance while in high school or significant academic improvement in each successive year, achieving the equivalent of a 2.7 average in the last two years or at graduation.
- Exemplary qualities of leadership in school, extra-curricular activities, and the community.
- Class rank is an important factor in the selection process. However, extenuating circumstances are also considered.

- Application or acceptance as a full-time, first-year student at an accredited post-secondary educational certificate/degree program; e.g., a four-year or two-year public/private college or university, a two-year technical college, or other accredited educational institution. Such institutions must be tax-exempt educational institutions under the Internal Revenue Code.
- 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, if any, will be returned to the Foundation.
- If a recipient chooses to take a course or series of courses in a tax-exempt educational institution other than the one to which they were originally admitted, or if they wish to transfer to another tax-exempt educational institution, the Chris M. Kurzweil Scholarship Award will not be forfeited if the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is notified in advance of such transfer.

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 may be applied toward tuition, or miscellaneous educational expenses as designated by the recipient.
- 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 college/university in which they intend to enroll, (3) the college/ university has verified the student's enrollment, and (4) the college/university has verified that it will not reduce previously awarded grant aid as a result of this award, unless required by federal or state law.
- Awards are subject to state and federal income tax guidelines.

ARE AWARDS RENEWABLE?

- Once an applicant has received a Chris M. Kurzweil Scholarship Award, they are eligible to reapply for scholarship aid for up to three additional years during which they remain a full-time student in a degree/certificate program at an accredited educational institution, and maintains a grade point average of 2.7 (or better), and fulfills the other criteria of the program. Renewal is not assured, however.
- Recipients denied renewal no longer qualify for reapplication.
- Renewal of the Chris M. Kurzweil Scholarship Award will also depend upon the continued employment of the recipient's parent/guardian with Intertape Polymer Group. Exceptions would be made for employees who are laid off; exceptions would not be made for employees who are terminated or voluntarily leave.
- Applicants eligible for scholarship renewal will be contacted by the Foundation prior to the end of the academic year in which they received their current award.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Register to access the application portal by February 15th: <https://cfsem.fluxx.io/apply/student>
- Apply at <https://cfsem.fluxx.io/>
- The deadline to apply is March 15th

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