

Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

RENAISSANCE OF VALUES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM *A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan*

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Renaissance of Values Scholarship at Most Holy Trinity School and Everest Academy is to encourage the early development of the traits of spirituality, family orientation, leadership, industriousness, service and scholarship which are necessary to a successful society in Southeast Michigan, the State of Michigan and the country.

Since 1997, this award has been provided to a graduating 8th grade student to be used for tuition for attendance at a private, preparatory/high school. (The award will pay for the entire cost of tuition if the tuition is \$6,000 or less. If the tuition exceeds \$6,000, the award will be \$6,000.) A committee selection process occurs at both Everest Academy and Most Holy Trinity School, reviewing applicants. Those committees then recommend to the Renaissance of Values Scholarship Fund a recipient for an award to be used each academic year.

The scholarship materials are available in the counseling office of Most Holy Trinity School and Everest Academy and also available on the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan Website at <http://cfsem.org/scholarships>.

The application deadline for this scholarship program is **March 15th** each year.

BACKGROUND

The Renaissance of Values Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Mylod. The founders wish to assist worthy students to reach their fullest potential and to have access to educational opportunities of their choice. As the name of the Fund reflects, the founders wish to encourage the strongest moral character and values. One of the scholarships from this Fund has been named to recognize Father Lorenzo Gomez. Fr. Gomez founded Everest Academy. He has served as a priest for over 40 years and has dedicated his life to educate youth in their faith, foster vocations in our young adults, and minister to men and women of all ages.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Eighth graders who are on track to graduate from Most Holy Trinity School or Everest Academy.

Dependents of employees of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, the Advisory Committee of Renaissance of Values Scholarship Program as well as dependents of employees of Most Holy Trinity School or Everest Academy and dependents of the scholarship selection committee are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

In order to be eligible, the candidate must be graduating from Most Holy Trinity School or Everest Academy in the spring and be accepted for entrance into an accredited, private, preparatory/high school.

Selection criteria include the following:

- Demonstration of a strong commitment to family, friends and the greater community.
- Active participation, as part of his or her family, in an organized Christian religious congregation during the past two-years.
- Participation in an activity that required personal service to others either in the school or in a local religious organization during the past two-years.
- Strong academic performance achieving a class rank in the top 20% or the equivalent.
- Indication of financial need by completing the Financial Information Form
- All awards will be made without regard to race, creed, color, religion, and national origin

WHAT ARE THE AWARD CONDITIONS?

- The leadership of Most Holy Trinity School and Everest Academy has developed a selection process, an outline of which has been shared with advisors to the Renaissance of Values Scholarship Fund.
- The awardee will be recommended by the president and her committee, in accordance with the selection process, to the Community Foundation.
- If awards are to be available in future years, the Community Foundation will so notify Most Holy Trinity School and Everest Academy.

HOW WILL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PAYMENTS BE MADE?

- Award payments will be made to the private school of attendance in the name of both the educational institution and the recipient. Payment may be applied toward tuition, room and/or board and other miscellaneous educational expenses billed by the school.
- Award payments will be made as soon as: 1) the recipient has signed and returned the terms of grant agreement to the Community Foundation, 2) the recipient has notified the Community Foundation of the school in which they intend to enroll, 3) the school has verified that it will not reduce other 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.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Get the Scholarship Application Form from the Counseling Office at Most Holy Trinity School or Everest Academy, or from the "Common Forms for Applicants" at <http://cfsem.org/scholarships>.
- Complete the Scholarship Application Form and submit it to the Counseling Office, along with any required attachments.
- You are responsible for seeing that all materials are postmarked or submitted to the Counseling Office before the **March 15th** deadline.
- Applications that are not complete by the deadline will not be considered.

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