

Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

MONSIGNOR HERBERT WEIER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Monsignor Herbert Weier Scholarship is to provide educational scholarship support to graduates of Divine Child High School.

The scholarship materials are available in the Counseling Office of Divine Child High School and also available on the Divine Child High School Website and 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

This scholarship was established by Jack Demmer to support Divine Child High School graduates pursuing higher education. The scholarship is named for the founder of the Church of Divine Child and Divine Child High School. Mr. Demmer wishes to honor both Monsignor Weier and Monsignor Herman Kucyk who were strong supporters of Catholic education and were integral to the success of Divine Child High School.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Members of the graduating class at Divine Child High School.

Employees of the Foundation, members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation as well as dependents of employees of Divine Child High School, 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
- Demonstrate leadership and character through extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement and work experience in school and the community
- Demonstrate 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 United States. Recipients must enroll full-time at a non-profit or state supported four year college or university in the United States.
- 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, they 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.

HOW WILL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PAYMENTS BE MADE?

- The Community Foundation will make award payments that will be sent to the Financial Aid Office, or its equivalent, of the educational institution payable to the educational institution. Payments are limited to tuition and fees, books and supplies and room and board expense.
- The university must verify enrollment and confirm 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 Monsignor Herbert Weier Scholarship is renewable for three years (a total of four years of scholarship).
- Renewal candidates must be in good academic standing and enrolled full-time.
- A renewal scholarship application will be sent to all renewal candidates by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Get the Scholarship Application Form from the Counseling Office at Divine Child High School or from the "Common Forms for Applicants" at <http://cfsem.org/scholarships>.
- Complete the Scholarship Application Form and submit it to the Counseling Office at Divine Child High School
- Also make sure to include your signed personal statement, which should include information about those who have influenced you and your educational and career goals.
- Request the release of your high school transcript to the scholarship committee. Your Senior Year Fall grades and standardized test scores must be included on your transcript.
- Request that your counselor or one of your teachers complete the recommendation form on your behalf.
- You are responsible for seeing that all materials are postmarked or submitted to the Counseling Office at Divine Child High School on or before the March 15th deadline.
- Applications that are not complete by the deadline will not be considered.

CHECKLIST OF SCHOLARSHIP MATERIALS

- Monsignor Weier Scholarship Application completed by applicant
- Personal statement of your academic plans and why financial aid is important to help you succeed
- Certify that you and your parents have completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and that you demonstrate need at your college of choice on the scholarship application
- Request copy of your academic transcript with both Fall grades and standardized test scores
- Request recommendations forms

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