

Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

PRITCHARD-JOHNSON GRIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Pritchard-Johnson Grit Scholarship Fund is to provide post-secondary educational scholarships for students who are graduates of Thurston High School of the South Redford School District.

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

March 15th is the deadline for applying.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 2021 by Laura Hoehn, the Pritchard-Johnson Grit Scholarship Fund honors her mother, Marilyn (Pritchard) Johnson, who was a long-time teacher in the South Redford School District.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Seniors who are on track to graduate from Thurston High School.

Dependents of employees of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

In addition to membership in the graduating class at Thurston High School, the scholarship criteria for first year awards are:

- Pursuing a course of study in helping careers such as education, psychology, counseling, ministry, social work, etc.
- Priority will be given to students who have had to overcome obstacles or other at-risk factors to persist and show "grit" in their accomplishments.
- Demonstrate exemplary desire, ability, and good grades with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average
- Financial need
- Participation and leadership in school activities and extracurricular involvement.

WHAT ARE THE AWARD CONDITIONS?

- The student must be accepted at and attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution on a full-time basis, which must be tax-exempt and classified as an educational institution under the Internal Revenue Code.
- Recipients must enroll full-time at a non-profit of public college or university in the United States

- If an award recipient withdraws from the educational institution, the award will be cancelled.
- 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.
- All Pritchard-Johnson Grit Scholarship Awards winners are required to submit an 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 they plan 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?

Yes, the Pritchard-Johnson Grit Scholarship Awards considers renewal scholarships to eligible recipients.

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.