

Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

SUSAN RAFFERTY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Susan Rafferty Scholarship Fund is to provide educational scholarship support to graduates of Brighton High School.

The scholarship materials are available in the counseling Office of Brighton High School and also available on the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan Website at <http://cfsem.org/scholarships>.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 2021 by Susan Rafferty, this fund provides scholarships to graduating seniors of Brighton High School who are pursuing an undergraduate degree at Michigan State University. Susan Rafferty, a Michigan State University graduate, taught at Brighton High School for twenty years. Her children and grandchildren are graduates of Brighton High School.

WHO MAY APPLY?

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

Dependents of employees of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, members and dependents of the scholarship selection committee, the Founder, Founder's dependents, and lineal descendants of Founder's grandparents are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

In addition to membership in the graduating class at Brighton High School, the scholarship criteria are:

- The student must be enrolled to pursue a full-time course of study at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
- The student must be in good academic standing with a minimum 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- Financial need as determined by the Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) is not required
- Preference will be given to students who meet the above criteria while also participating in athletic, extra-curricular, volunteer, or paid work experience
- 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 Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
- 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
- All Susan Rafferty Scholarship Award 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 Michigan State University in the name of the recipient. 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?

The Susan Rafferty Scholarship is a one-time award.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Get the Scholarship Application Form from the Counseling Office at Brighton High School or from the "Common Forms for Applicants" at <http://cfsem.org/scholarships>.
- Request that your counselor or one of your teachers complete the recommendation form on your behalf. Copies of the Recommender Form can be found in the Counseling Office at Brighton High School or from the "Common Forms for Applicants" at <http://cfsem.org/scholarships>.
- Complete the Scholarship Application Form and required attachments and submit them to the Counseling Office at Brighton High School
- Request the release of your high school transcript to the scholarship committee. Your senior year first semester grades and standardized test scores must be included on your transcript.
- You are responsible for seeing that all materials are postmarked or submitted to the Counseling Office at Brighton High School on or before the deadline, which is determined by the counseling office.
- 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.