

Community Foundation

FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

GEORGE L. PALMER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

SUMMARY

The purpose of the George L. Palmer Scholarship is to provide educational scholarship support to graduates of Chelsea High School. The first award was made in 2011.

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

BACKGROUND

Donna A. Palmer established this scholarship to support the graduates of Chelsea High School.

WHO MAY APPLY?

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

Dependents of employees of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, the Advisory Committee of the Chelsea Community Foundation as well as dependents of employees of Chelsea High School, dependents of the Chelsea School District and dependents of the scholarship selection committee are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

- Plans to pursue a post-secondary education in a trade or a vocation or an associate degree at a non-profit college or university
- Demonstrates leadership and character through extra-curricular activities, volunteer involvement and work experience in school and in the community
- Demonstrates 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 of public 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.
- All George L. Palmer Scholarship 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?

The George L. Palmer Scholarship is a one-time award.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Get the Scholarship Application Form from the Counseling Office at Chelsea 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 Chelsea 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 Chelsea 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

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY STUDY

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____

Home Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail address _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) _____ Grade Level for GPA _____

School Where GPA Earned _____

ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENT QUESTIONS

Grade School(s) Attended _____

Did you take vocational curriculum in school? _____

Are you currently in college? _____

Are you a single parent mother? _____

Are you a fatherless child? _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Highest Education Level _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Name _____ High School Graduation Date _____

Counselor Name _____ Counselor E-mail _____

Planned College Major _____

Career Goal _____

Academic Year for Scholarship _____ Degree Anticipated _____

Expected College Graduation Date _____

College Applications (Provide the following information on the top three colleges to which you have applied):

College #1 Name _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Application Status for College #1 _____

College #2 Name _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Application Status for College #2 _____

College #3 Name _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Application Status for College #3 _____

APPLICANT PROFILE

Academic Achievement: List below academic honors or awards you have received. For each honor/award, provide a reason for the honor and the year(s) awarded.

Volunteer and Extracurricular Activities: List below all volunteer and extracurricular activities (in your school and/or community) in which you have participated to a significant degree and to which you have made a positive contribution.

Paid Work Experience (Full- or part-time): List work experience during the last three years. Please list each on a separate line and provide the following information for each position: employer, a brief job description, dates of employment and hours worked per week.

At-Risk Circumstances: Please report any family or personal circumstances which may have created barriers to the completion of your education to this point.

Unusual Circumstances: Please report any unusual family or personal circumstances which you think it is helpful for the scholarship review committee to understand when considering your application.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach a statement (not to exceed two typewritten, doubled-spaced pages). Please provide a statement of your educational plans as they relate to you personally and your career goals. Include motivating factors or important experiences that have helped you shape your personal philosophy and/or your educational plans/career goals. Think carefully about this statement. It is very important in the selection process. *Applications without a personal statement will not be considered.*

RECOMMENDERS

The application process requires you to obtain recommendations from two different individuals. These individuals should submit the form directly to the Community Foundation using the mailing address provided on the Recommender Form. Please read the two bullets below to determine from whom a recommender form is required for your application.

- If you are a high school student, please ask your high school counselor/advisor or principal to complete one of the two required recommendations using the Recommender Form found at cfsem.org/scholarships. A copy of your high school transcript, including your grades for the first semester of your senior year, should accompany the form. For the second recommendation, request one of your teachers or community service supervisors to complete the Recommender Form on your behalf.
- If you are currently enrolled in college, request that two of your professors or community service supervisors complete the Recommender Form on your behalf.

AUTHORIZATION

Your signature at the end of the application authorizes the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and associated scholarship advisory committees to examine your academic and personal records. Your signature also certifies the accuracy of the information that you have provided. **UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Applicant's Signature

Date

