# **Community Foundation**

# FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

# THE CLARENCE AND LILLIAN CONSTANTAKIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A Scholarship Program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of the Clarence and Lillian Constantakis Scholarship Fund is to provide post-secondary educational scholarships for students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in environmental science, conservation, or a related field at Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, or Wayne State University.

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

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on the day of the application deadline.

#### WHO MAY APPLY?

To be eligible, applicants must be residents of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, Livingston or St. Clair counties at the time of high school graduation, with preference given to candidates who were residents of these counties during the four years they attend high school.

Eligible applicants must be graduating high school seniors entering college as a freshman with plans to earn a degree in environmental science, conservation, or a related field at Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, or Wayne State University.

Employees of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and their dependents, and members of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan Board of Trustees and their dependents, are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

#### WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

- Demonstrate exemplary desire, ability and strong academic standing by maintaining a minimum 2.5 grade point average.
- Consideration may be given to candidates who may not meet the minimum grade point averages above if they demonstrate intellectual ability higher than average generally or specific abilities that may not be reflected in their grade point average.
- Demonstrate leadership and character through extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement and work experience in school and the community
- All awards will be made without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or sexual identification.
- Candidates must provide a written personal statement that describes their educational plans and career goals, and motivating factors and important experiences which have helped to shape their personal philosophy and future goals.
- Application or acceptance as a full-time student at Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, or Wayne State University.

- Reported major in a field of environmental science, conservation of a related field
- Financial need as determined by FAFSA is considered, but not required.

#### WHAT ARE THE AWARD CONDITIONS?

- If an award recipient withdraws from the educational institution, the award will be cancelled and the unspent portion, if any, will be returned to the Foundation.
- If a recipient chooses to take a course or series of courses in an educational institution other than the one to which they were originally admitted, or if they wish to transfer to another educational institution, the award will not be forfeited if the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is notified in advance of such transfer, and the institution meets the interest of this Fund (Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University or Wayne State University).

## 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. 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 may be applied toward tuition, or miscellaneous educational expenses as designated by
  the recipient, such as fees, books and supplies or 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 college/university in which they plan to enroll, (3) the college/university has verified enrollment and (4) the college/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 tax guidelines.

## ARE AWARDS RENEWABLE?

The Clarence and Lillian Constantakis Scholarship Fund is renewable for each year of attendance, up to four years. Renewal is not assured, however.

Applicants eligible for scholarship renewal will be contacted by the Foundation prior to the end of the academic year in which they received their current award.

## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

- Register to access the application portal by the registration deadline: <a href="https://cfsem.fluxx.io/apply/student">https://cfsem.fluxx.io/apply/student</a>
- Apply at https://cfsem.fluxx.io/
- Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on the day of the application deadline

If you need additional information or materials, please contact the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan at (313) 961-6675 or <a href="mailto:scholarships@cfsem.org">scholarships@cfsem.org</a>