

## **FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

### General Rules and Regulations

Various individuals and businesses in the Fairfield School Community have joined together to create a scholarship program to provide an incentive to the graduating seniors from the Fairfield Local School District to further their education, either at academic or vocational schools.

The name shall be called the Fairfield Community Scholarship Fund. The success of the scholarship program will depend on the ability to obtain funds from individuals and businesses. Donors who contribute One Hundred Dollars or more within one hundred days after the program has been approved by the Fairfield Local School Board of Education will be designated as "Charter Members" and shall be so designated and carried permanently on the roll of contributors as such. The roll of contributors shall be maintained and be made available to public review by the School Administration. After the initial funding, donors names shall be added to the roll of contributors unless they should request otherwise. In the event an individual or business would contribute a sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars or more they may designate the donations as a memorial fund or any other suitable title with provisions as to how the recipient of the scholarship(s) created by this donation shall be selected. The scholarship committee reserves the right to reject a fund if the purposes or manner of selection is unconstitutional or alien to the general morals of the community. Only income from the trust fund shall be distributed unless a donor of a sum of One Hundred Dollars or more shall designate that the amount donated shall be distributed otherwise.

The Scholarship Committee on or before December 15 of each school year shall determine the availability of scholarships for that school year.

The recipient(s) of the scholarship(s) must be a graduating senior from the Fairfield Local School District and should the district ever cease to exist for any reason the graduating seniors from the area now known as Fairfield Local School District shall continue to have the exclusive right to benefit from the scholarship program.

The scholarship program shall be governed by a committee of five persons to be composed of the following persons: the Principal of the Fairfield Local District High School shall be a permanent and continuing member, the Fairfield Local School Board of Education shall designate one of its members to serve, the Fairfield Community Ministerial Association shall designate an individual to serve and the Fairfield School Alumni Association shall designate an individual to serve and the aforesaid four members shall select a fifth member to serve. Other than the Principal all members shall serve for a term of four years and cannot be reappointed for successive terms unless the term served was less than four years. For the purpose of obtaining an eventual continuity of members the term for the members shall be as follows for their first term and shall commence July 1, 1976.

Board of Education - one year expiring 6-30-77

Ministerial Association - two years expiring 6-30-78

Fairfield Alumni Association - three years expiring 6-30-79

Member at large - four years expiring 6-30-80

The rules and regulations may be changed only after a recommended revision has been discussed and agreed upon at the regular annual December meeting of the committee and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Fairfield School District prior to the annual Spring meeting. The Committee, after substantiating that the foregoing steps have been complied with and after the proposed revision has been read again at the annual Spring meeting of the committee, may pass the proposed revision by a unanimous vote. The said revision shall take effect in the subsequent school year.

The annual meeting of the committee shall be held on or before December 15 of each year at the High School Building in Leesburg, Ohio. The Spring Meeting(s) for the purpose of selecting scholarship recipients shall be held in May of each year.

At the annual meeting the committee shall reorganize and appoint such officers or committees as required for the following year.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Fairfield Local School shall act as custodian of the funds.

Until such time as the permanent Scholarship Committee can be appointed the steering committee consisting of Bernease Priest, Phillip Purtell, George Fee, Keith Kendall, Leo Haycook, Warren Davis and Carroll V. McKinney shall act in the capacity of the committee.

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Any graduating senior of Fairfield Local School District who:
  - i. has a desire to obtain advanced training or further education, or
  - ii. demonstrates potential ability. or
  - iii. has attained some special achievement within school or community activities, or
  - iv. meets the requirements designated by the donor.
- b. Financial need is not a requirement unless specifically designated by the donor.
- c. The recipient of a scholarship must be a full time student as defined by the attending school whether academic or vocational.

#### 2. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- a. Lists of available scholarships will be made available to high school seniors.
- b. Application forms will be made available to the Senior Guidance Counselor(s) at the specified high school(s).
- c. The student shall complete the application and return the form to the guidance counselor.
- d. The Counselor will forward the application to the Chairman of Committee of the Fairfield Community Scholarship Endowment for final consideration.
- e. The deadline for application is May 1.

#### 3. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- a. The one-year scholarship will be paid directly to the student after Treasurer receives verification of the student's enrollment in the institution.

- b. If a student drops out of school because of grades or lack of interest, the committee may request the scholarship to be returned.
- c. These rules and regulations are subject to change by the scholarship committee in accordance with the manner established by the preamble.

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