

Scholarships Available for Local Students

Through its scholarship funds, Central Alabama Community Foundation (CACF) helps area students attain their academic goals by offsetting their postsecondary educational expenses. The Foundation awards more than \$100,000 each year throughout the River Region and Wiregrass communities. Qualifying criteria vary broadly by program, with the bulk of scholarship funds targeting graduating high school seniors.

The application is accessible online. Applications for students in the Montgomery and Lowndes County areas are available via the "Scholarships" link at www.cacfinfo.org. The deadline to apply is **April 1**. For more information about the scholarships, please visit www.cacfinfo.org or call Caroline Montgomery Clark at 264-6223.

Funding is available to Montgomery and Lowndes County high school seniors through the following programs:

Earl P. Andrews, Jr. Memorial

Scholarship: Open to current graduates of any Montgomery high school. This scholarship is awarded annually to a minority student based on academic achievement and need. Applicant must have a minimum ACT score of 23 (or SAT equivalent) and a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale. Finalists may interview with the selection committee. Value of scholarship ranges from \$500 - \$1,000.

Dorothy D. Cameron Scholarship:

Open to current graduates of any Montgomery high school. Although there is no minimum ACT or SAT score, students must indicate by their academic performance the ability and motivation to graduate from college. Awards are based on academic achievement and need. Consideration is also given to students' leadership and participation in extracurricular activities. Two scholarships are awarded annually.

Jack L. Carr Scholarship: Open to current graduates of any Montgomery high school who are pursuing a degree in engineering. One \$1500 scholarship is awarded annually, with determination based on academic performance and need. Recipients have the opportunity to renew the scholarship for three additional years depending upon their academic performance in college.

Jefferson Davis Class of 1971 Memorial Scholarship: Established as a memorial to former teachers and classmates to assist current graduates of Jeff Davis High School. One scholarship shall be awarded based on (in order of priority) need, academic accomplishments, and community involvement. Applicants shall have a minimum ACT score of 20 and/or GPA of 3.0 or better. Two letters of reference and an essay outlining their col-

lege and career goals are required. Awards may be used to attend any Alabama two- or four-year institution of higher learning or any technical, trade, or vocational school in pursuit of a 2- or 4-year degree. Funds may not be used to pursue degrees from online institutions.

Jackson Family Phoenix Fund

Scholarship: Open to current graduates of any Montgomery or Lowndes County high school. This scholarship was designed to encourage students to pursue degrees in math or the physical, biological or agricultural sciences. Student must attend a historically black college or university and major in a non-health care science (biology, chemistry, physics, agronomy, horticulture, animal sciences, etc.). Applicant must have a 3.0 GPA, a minimum ACT score of 20, or a minimum SAT score of 1200. Criteria include academic performance, community activities, and financial need. Requires a one-page essay addressing why applicant is interested in a specific area of science and what contribution applicant wishes to make to society.

Kiwanis Club of Montgomery Scholarship: These renewable scholarships are available to current graduates of any Montgomery high school who are attending an accredited college or university. Although there is no minimum ACT or SAT score, students must indicate by their academic performance the ability or motivation to graduate from college. Preference is given to students demonstrating financial need. Consideration is also given to students' leadership, character, ability, and participation in extracurricular activities. At least one renewable \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded annually.

Jay Murphy Scholarship: Open to residents of Montgomery. This program was designed to aid deserving individuals who have the desire to become teachers, who relate well with young people, and who can benefit from the financial assistance it offers. Applicants may be entering or continuing college, individuals who are in education and want to upgrade their skills, or working individuals who wish to return to college to become teachers. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA. Finalists may interview with the selection committee.

Santee Family Fund Scholarship:

Assists with post-secondary education expenses for current or former residents of the Alabama Sheriffs' Boys & Girls Youth Ranches (or others similarly situated). Applicants must be sponsored by a staff person and must be under the age of 25. An official copy of the applicant's high school transcript is required, as well as any applicable college transcript.