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Scholarships Available for New Bedford, Fairhaven High School Seniors

New Bedford area graduating seniors are urged to apply for a number of scholarships now available through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA).

For the following scholarships, applications can be downloaded from the CFSEMA website, www.cfsema.org, or a paper copy can be obtained from the school guidance office. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by or delivered to the CFSEMA office, 63 Union Street, New Bedford, on the dates specified below:

The first, the **Jacobs Family New Bedford High School Scholarship Fund**, provides three \$28,000 scholarships to **New Bedford High School** graduating seniors and one \$28,000 award to a graduating senior from the **New Bedford Global Learning Charter School** who will major in engineering, mathematics or science, including computer science, at an accredited college or university. The criterion for selection is weighted 50% on academics and 50% on need. **Applications are due on April 10.**

The scholarship fund was established at the Community Foundation in 2000 with a \$1 million gift from QUALCOMM founder and New Bedford native Dr. Irwin M. Jacobs and his wife, Joan Klein Jacobs.

The **Daniel P. Bergeron Scholarship Fund** was established by Maureen and Russell Bergeron to honor the memory of their late son, Daniel P. Bergeron. The fund provides a minimum of one \$500 scholarship annually to a senior attending **Fairhaven High School**. Preference will be given to a student with financial need and interests in sports and/or music. **The application deadline is April 10.**

The **George Earl and Katherine Hartley Church Scholarship Fund** provides several scholarships of at least \$1,000 annually for tuition assistance to students pursuing an LPN, RN or BSN Nursing Degree while attending a two- or four-year accredited college or university. Applicants must be **residents of Acushnet, Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett who are graduating from either Fairhaven, New Bedford, Bishop Stang, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical or Old Rochester Regional high schools** or a graduating senior from **Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School**. The criterion for selection will be weighted 75% on financial need and 25% on academics. **The application deadline is April 10.**

The **Freitas-Rebello Fund** awards a minimum of a \$1,000 scholarship for tuition assistance to students of Portuguese descent attending an accredited college. Applicants must be residents of the Greater New Bedford area and enrolled seniors at either **Bishop Stang High School, Dartmouth High School, Fairhaven High School, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School or New Bedford High School**. **The application deadline is April 10.**

The **Frank and Eleanor Gracie Family Scholarship Fund** was created by Frank Gracie, Jr. to honor the memory of his wife Eleanor and sons David and Paul. The fund provides a minimum of one \$800 scholarship annually to a senior attending **New Bedford High School**. The criterion for selection will be weighted 50% on financial need, 50% on academics. **The application deadline is April 10.**

The **New Bedford High Class of 1960 Scholarship** was established at the Community Foundation to provide tuition assistance to **Greater New Bedford graduating seniors** whose parent or grandparent was a New Bedford High School graduate. Criterion for selection emphasizes need with consideration given to

academic performance and extracurricular activities/community service. This year's award is \$500. **The application deadline is April 10,**

The **New Bedford Woman's Club Fund** provides a scholarship of up to \$500 each to one **New Bedford High School** and one to **Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School** graduating senior. The criterion for selection will be weighted 50% on financial need, 50% on academics. **The application deadline is April 10.**

The **Katherine Hassan Penton, New Bedford High School Class of 1948, Scholarship Fund** offers an annual scholarship of at least \$3,000 to a **New Bedford High School** graduating senior who intends to study business at a four-year accredited college or university. The criterion for selection will be weighted 50% on financial need, 50% on academics. **The application deadline is April 10.**

The **Louis M. Rusitzky Scholarship Fund** will award one scholarship of at least \$2,000 to a **New Bedford High School** graduating senior majoring in business. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year college or university and major in an area of business studies. The scholarship is contingent upon maintaining a cumulative grade point average of B or better. The criterion for selection will be weighted 50% on financial need, 50% on academics. **The application deadline is April 10**

The **Matthew "Matty" Ryan Oliveira Scholarship Fund** was established by Kathleen and Matthew Oliveira to honor the memory of their late son, Matthew "Matty" Ryan Oliveira. Several \$500 scholarships are awarded annually to seniors attending **Fairhaven High School**. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate strong community service, leadership qualities, and athleticism. **The application deadline is April 10.**

The **Fairhaven High School Centurion Scholarship Fund** provides one four-year scholarship of at least \$250 each year to a graduating **Fairhaven High School** senior, beginning in 2006, the school's 100th anniversary. The criterion for selection will be weighted 75% on financial need, 25% on academics. **The application deadline is April 10.**

The Thomas S. Hathaway Scholarship is awarded to students residing in Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Wareham, or Westport, who have been accepted or are currently enrolled at **Harvard University**. Scholarships are based on financial need and academic excellence. Awards can range from \$350 to \$4,300. The scholarship is granted for one year only, although recipients in good standing at Harvard University are encouraged to reapply annually. Harvard students should contact the financial aid office or download an application form. **The application deadline is July 3.**

The **Charles J. Lewin Interfaith Scholarship Fund** was established to provide scholarships to returning students and graduating high school seniors of **Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes and Plymouth counties**. The Fund provides several scholarships ranging from \$700 to \$3,800. Scholarships are granted for one year only, although recipients may reapply annually. The criterion for selection will be weighted 50% on **financial need, 30% on academics and 20% on personal circumstances. This is an online application process only, due on April 10.**

The following scholarship applications are available through the school guidance office:

The **Albert F. Carr Scholarship** will provide scholarships totaling \$44,000 annually to current or former **New Bedford High School** graduates pursuing an undergraduate degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Established by David and Joyce Nelson in memory of their late daughter, Kathleen Joyce Nelson, the **Kathleen Joyce Nelson Scholarship Fund** provides an annual college scholarship of at least \$2,000 to a NBHS senior, with preference given to students who have struggled with cancer or have an affiliation with the cancer-stricken population through community service, employment, volunteer work, or family involvement. A secondary priority is students who plan to major in government, political science or public service at a four-year accredited college or university.

The **Padanaram Foundation Art Scholarship Fund** provides two \$250 scholarships annually to art students at **Dartmouth High School**. One scholarship is awarded to a junior to attend a summer art program, the other is awarded to a graduating senior to attend a two- or four- year post high school program. Applicants must have a cumulative B average and demonstrate talent in some area of art (including but not limited to theater, fashion, design, drawing/painting, sculpting, film making).

The Ellery R. Sherman Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide several scholarships of at least \$1,000 to a graduating senior of **New Bedford High School**. Applicants should have attended the John Avery Parker School

About the Community Foundation

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

To date, the Community Foundation has distributed over \$7 million from 110 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. More information about the Foundation can be found at www.cfsema.org.

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