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Scholarships Available for Fall River Area High School Seniors

Fall River area graduating seniors are urged to apply for three scholarships now available through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA).

For the following two 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 **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 Frank D. Sylvia Trust Scholarship was established by Frank D. Sylvia to honor the memory of his late son, Frank P. Sylvia. It is limited to indigent deserving **Dighton or Somerset** students who plan to attend a college or university. The scholarship (up to \$9,000) is granted for one year only, although recipients may reapply annually. The criterion for selection will be weighted 75% on financial need, 25% on academics. . **Applications are due on April 10.**

Applications for the following scholarship are available through the Westport High School guidance office:

The Luther B. Bowman Scholarship is available to **Westport High School** graduating seniors who plan to attend a two- or four-year college, business school, trade school, secretarial school or a technical school. The scholarship recipients will be selected by the Westport School Committee. Awards range from \$500 to \$3,800. **Please contact the school's guidance office for details and an application**

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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