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SOMERSET GRAD AWARDED COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

A recent Somerset High School graduate has been awarded the **Frank D. Sylvia Trust Scholarship** through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Zachary Wilding of Somerset, son of John and Kimmy-Lee Wilding, was awarded the \$8,300 scholarship. He plans to study mathematics and computer technology at Springfield College. At Somerset High School, he was on the Honor Roll for 10 terms, and participated for four years on the Baseball and Winter Track teams. He was also a member of the Key Club, the Cross County Team, and participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for four years.

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 CFSEMA committee that reviews the scholarship applications includes New Bedford School Committee Member Jill Ussach; Chair Eileen Farley; Margherita Baldwin, Seth Garfield, Albert Lees III and George Oliveira, CFSEMA board members; Kate Larisa from the Patrick Carney Foundation; Lorraine Khazan from PACE; and Mary Schwartz, who was a member of the Lewin Scholarship Foundation when it merged with the Community Foundation.

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.

While the Foundation's primary grantmaking focus is on the SouthCoast communities of Greater New Bedford, Greater Fall River, and Greater Plymouth County, CFSEMA is a regional foundation serving 41 cities and towns. To date, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$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.