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Scholarships Available for Tri-Town Seniors

Graduating high school seniors from the Tri-Town area are urged to apply for a several scholarships now available through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA).

For the following scholarship, 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 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 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.**

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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