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Community Foundation Scholarships Now Available Online

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts is pleased to announce that many of its college scholarships can now be applied for online at www.cfsema.org.

The online application format is available for those scholarships whose recipients are selected by the Community Foundation Scholarship Committee. The deadline for the online scholarship applications is **April 29, 2011**. For those scholarships that are selected by other committees, students should contact their school's guidance office for applications and further details.

The Community Foundation manages 62 scholarship funds, a major component of the Foundation's focus on increasing educational attainment in Southeastern Massachusetts.

"With rising tuition costs, it is more and more difficult for students and their families to pay for a college education," said Program Officer Gabrielle Simmons, who oversees the scholarship program. "The Community Foundation's scholarships represent our donors' appreciable understanding of the role education plays in building a better community. The Foundation is pleased to help fulfill donors' wishes as well as to increase the opportunities for students in Southeastern Massachusetts to pursue a higher education."

Students can read descriptions of the various scholarships by clicking the scholarship tab in the top navigation bar. To apply, students should click on "students" under the scholarship tab, and then follow the specific instructions.

About the Community Foundation

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation 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 Southern Plymouth County, CFSEMA is a regional foundation serving 41 cities and towns. Over the past six years, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$9 million in grants and program support from 130 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.cfsema.org.