

TREGONING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarship Purpose

The Tregoning Scholarship Fund has been established in honor of Robert M. Tregoning to encourage and support deserving students in their quests for higher education. The scholarship will be awarded each year to a high school senior who will be enrolled in a full time undergraduate program at an accredited university/college for the fall term. The recipient will be selected based upon demonstrated leadership, community service, character, and academics. The recipient will be given the one-time scholarship award before the fall term begins.

Scholarship Selection Process

The Advisory Selection Committee will consist of a representative from the Tregoning Family and two MCCF staff members. The committee will advertise the scholarship award opportunity through local high schools and churches. The scholarship candidates will be nominated by two unrelated individuals that are familiar with the candidate's achievements and qualifications for the scholarship. For example, nominations may be provided by guidance counselors, teachers, athletic coaches, religious clergy, employers, and internship supervisors.

The committee will review a minimum of three candidates in consideration for the scholarship award. The committee will confirm that the applicants meet the eligibility criteria and have no familial relationship with the Tregoning family or members of the Advisory Selection Committee.

Scholarship Timeframe

Scholarship application announcements are sent to targeted high schools and churches in early February for the award to be granted for the following fall term. The application deadline is the April 15th. All applications must be postmarked by this date and incomplete applications will not be considered. Award selection is made in May, and selection notifications are sent to all applicants by the end of May. Selected awardees must submit proof of enrollment by July. The Community Foundation will then administer grant checks to the university/college.

Award Selection Criteria

The following criteria are established for the award. Only students from Blake High School, Clarksburg High School, Damascus High School, Paint Branch High School or students from other high schools that attend Damascus United Methodist Church will be considered. The high school senior must be enrolled in a full time undergraduate program at an accredited university/college for the fall term with plans to fulfill requirements for a bachelor of arts or sciences upon matriculation. The scholarship will be awarded in June and is non-renewable. The candidate must have a minimum 3.0 (out of 4.0) grade point average. Community service is an important criterion and candidates must have completed the minimum Montgomery County requirements for graduation.