

2011 Cornerstone Community Financial/Maurice Oliver Scholarship Program

The Cornerstone Community Financial/Maurice Oliver Scholarship Program was created to provide financial support for students with demonstrated financial need who achieve academic excellence and contribute to the community in which they live.

The scholarship program was named in honor of Maurice Oliver. As one of the founding members of Cornerstone Community Financial and former chairman of the board of directors, Oliver was a great leader and welcomed new ideas. Oliver was active in the community and was well-known for his phrase, "We pass but once this way through life, so let us not forget to show kindness to all those we meet, for we will not pass this way again." Recipients of the Cornerstone Community Financial/Maurice Oliver Scholarship Program should embrace this spirit of community service and leadership.

Cornerstone Community Financial will award three (3) \$1,000 scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must have a CCF account in good standing and have joined CCF by April 4, 2011.
- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or an undergraduate freshmen, sophomore or junior student enrolled in an accredited public or private Michigan or Ohio junior college, college, university or trade school.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident alien cardholders at the time the application is submitted.
- Applicants who are high school seniors must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Applicants who are college students must have a cumulative 2.7 grade point average.
- CCF employees, board of directors, and/or any of their immediate family members are not eligible.
- Previous CCF scholarship winners are not eligible.

Scholarship Application Procedures:

Applications must be **postmarked by April 4, 2011** to be eligible for consideration.

Applicants are required to submit a packet containing the following items:

- 1 copy of the scholarship application
- 1 copy of an official high school transcript, or college, university or trade school transcript
- Any college/trade school acceptance letters/notification (particularly for graduating high school seniors)
- 1 copy of a detailed list of extracurricular activities and volunteer work
- 1 letter of recommendation (from a high school teacher or guidance counselor, college professor, employer, etc.)
- 1 copy of a typed essay of 500 words or less focusing on the topic "Giving back to my community through education."

Selection Criteria:

Scholarship winners are selected based on academic achievements, community involvement and financial need.

Notification of Awards:

Cornerstone Community Financial/Maurice Oliver Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail by May 15, 2011.

Scholarship checks will be made payable to the recipient once proof of enrollment for the fall semester is received. Proof of enrollment must be provided to CCF by October 15, 2011 or the scholarship will be forfeited. *Students must be enrolled in a minimum of six semester hours to receive scholarship.*

Instructions:

Read all criteria and guidelines for the scholarship carefully to determine your eligibility to apply. Send all materials together – incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

Applications must be postmarked **on or before April 4, 2011.**

Submit all information to:
Cornerstone Community Financial
Attn: Marketing Department/Scholarship Program
2955 University Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326