

# PHYLLIS A. BERMINGHAM HMONG EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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## **PURPOSE OF THE FUND:**

The Phyllis A. Bermingham Hmong Education Scholarship Fund was established shortly after Phyllis' retirement in 2004. This scholarship fund honors Phyllis' dedication to her work within the Southeast Asian community. The purpose of the fund is to award scholarships to graduating Southeast Asian high school seniors from Marathon County who are able and deserving, and demonstrate a passionate commitment to social justice.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Students are encouraged to apply online by visiting the Community Foundation's website at [www.cfoncw.org](http://www.cfoncw.org). Click the "Apply Now" / Grants Scholarships button on the top menu bar; then go to the left-side menu and click on "Scholarships"; you can then click on the "Apply Online" button anywhere you see it on the page to reach the online application portal and begin the registration and application process. If this is your first visit to the site, you will need to "Create an Account." If this is a return visit, enter your email address and password. Completed applications must be submitted by **February 15** to be considered by the Selection Committee. Information will be held in the confidence of the Selection Committee, the Community Foundation's board of directors, and its staff.

## **YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:**

- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

A Selection Committee designated by the Community Foundation will review the applications

and choose the scholarship recipient. Candidates for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Able and deserving graduating Southeast Asian high school senior;
- Resident of Marathon County or attending a high school in Marathon County;
- Demonstrating a passionate commitment to social justice;
- Has demonstrated financial need;
- And plans to pursue a post-secondary education in any field of study.

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will closely monitor the selection process. Members of the immediate families of any of the Selection Committee members shall be eligible to apply with the provision that the related member not serve on the committee during the year in which the application is considered.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT:**

The recipient will be announced at his or her senior awards ceremony. If possible, Phyllis Bermingham will make the presentation at the awards ceremony. A representative of the Community Foundation or the school is willing to make the presentation if Phyllis Bermingham or a representative of the Hmong American Center is not available.

The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

Scholarship funds will be paid by the Community Foundation directly to the school the student will be attending. The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated.

For more information, you can contact the Community Foundation office:

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