

# OPENING DOORS TO *Opportunity*

## About the Community Foundation's **Scholarship Program**

Since 1985, the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has helped reduce the burden of debt for our area's promising college students through need- and merit-based scholarships. To-date, nearly **\$17 million** has been awarded, helping more than 2,500 students achieve their college dreams through scholarships that average \$10,000.

### HOW THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WORKS

- **Applications open** each spring for enrollment in summer and fall
- The Community Foundation's **Scholarship Committee reviews applications** and matches potential candidates to scholarship funds based on a variety of criteria
- Several scholarships require **interviews** with committee members
- Scholarship Committee makes **awardee recommendations** to the Board of Directors, who vote to approve funding
- **Funding is distributed** to the college or university of the recipient on an annual basis

### ELIGIBILITY

*Some scholarships have additional requirements, but baseline eligibility includes:*

- 2.5+ GPA
- Graduating high school senior or current undergraduate student from Palm Beach or Martin County
- Demonstrate financial need and/or academic achievement
- Incoming or enrolled full-time student at a college, university, or vocational/trade school

### RESOURCES REQUIRED

- Unofficial academic transcript
- Completed essay prompts
- One letter of recommendation
- Parent or guardian's first two pages of 1040 tax return

*\*Note: Selected students will be invited to participate in our interview process, which is not an indication a decision has been made. Undocumented students are welcome to apply.*



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