The 2011 Capstone Community Scholarship Program

THE PROGRAM

Capstone has established a scholarship program to assist residents near their facilities to continue their education in select fields. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at select institutions listed below.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services®, a division of Scholarship America®. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

UNITED STATES

- Applicants must be students who will be enrolled as juniors or seniors in a full-time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited eligible* four year college or university the fall following the application period and have a grade point average of 3.0 or above (4.0 scale).

INTERNATIONAL

- Applicants must be students who will be enrolled in their final two years of full-time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an eligible* university in the fall following the application period.

AND

- Must reside in one of the following areas:
  - Minnesota
  - Illinois
  - Oxford, England

AND

- Be majoring in one of the following areas of study:
  - Pre-school Education
  - Elementary/Primary Education
  - Library Science
  - English Language Learners
  - Design

AND

- *Be attending one of the following eligible colleges and universities:
  - **Minnesota –** South Central College, Bethany Lutheran College, College of St. Benedict, St. John's University, Gustavus Adolphus College, Minnesota State University, Mankato, University of St. Thomas, The College of St. Catherine, Minneapolis College of Art and Design
  - **Illinois –** University of Illinois, Loyola University, National-Louis University
  - **Oxford, England –** University of Oxford, Oxford Brookes University

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a $2,500 USD award. Up to eight (8) awards will be granted each year. Awards are not renewable, but students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

Awards are for undergraduate and graduate study.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship Management Services postmarked no later than **March 25**. Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. **Only the first 150 applications will be processed.** Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application if one of the first 150 received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. The academic evaluation for international applicants will include a review of the grade/mark-average based on the grading system used in the applicant's country and a review of the results of academic examinations. Financial need is not considered. Scholarships will be awarded by location of residence in direct proportion to the number of applications received in each of the three locations.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services. In no instance does any officer or employee of Capstone play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified in early May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Management Services processes scholarship payments on behalf of Capstone. Payments are made in equal installments on August 15 and December 30. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the school for the student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to Capstone. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

REVISIONS

Capstone reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

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