CONCORD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Concord Educational Foundation (CEF) is an organization that administers scholarship funds to qualifying Concord seniors. Through the generosity of several local families who are committed to supporting our graduating seniors, the CEF can offer the scholarships for many types of educational pursuits after graduation.

Following is a summary of each of the scholarships that the CEF currently offers to seniors who will graduate this school year. Please read through each scholarship to determine if you meet the criteria established by the donor before you complete the application.

Once you have indicated which scholarship(s) you would like the committee to consider awarding, please submit the following:

1. **A neatly completed application included in this packet providing all information**
2. **A copy of your seven (7) semester transcript**
3. **Two letters of recommendation from non-family members**

Scholarships Offered Through the CEF:

Buskirk Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship was established in memory of Ronald J. Buskirk, Sarah Beth Buskirk and their son, James L. Buskirk. The Buskirks were residents of the Concord School District and Mrs. Buskirk, along with her children James and Karen, were all graduates of Concord High School. The Buskirks were dairy farmers for many years in the Pulaski area and active members of the community. They were firm believers in a strong and honest work ethic, which was clearly exemplified by the way they lived their lives. Preceded in death by her husband and son, Mrs. Buskirk bequeathed a generous contribution to Concord Community Schools upon her passing in 2003. It was her wish that funds would be used by graduates of Concord High School to further their education and pursue a productive and rewarding life.

Eligibility: Applicant must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and demonstrate qualities of initiative, honesty, integrity, community service and possess a strong work ethic. Financial need may be a consideration in the selection process. Students receiving this scholarship must be full-time students with a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours.

Scholarships and renewals may not exceed $2,000 annually. Renewals will be based on the level of performance at college, financial need and amount of funds available for distribution at the time. If funds are not available in any given year for both renewing previous awards and granting a new scholarship, priority will be given to renewals. Scholarship amounts may vary from year to year depending on availability of funds. This scholarship may be renewed up to three years to undergraduates in consecutive semesters of study. Final determination will be made by the CEF.

Cunningham Scholarship – This scholarship was established in memory of Margaret M. and Lyle J. Cunningham by their family. Mr. Cunningham was a progressive and innovative farmer and Mrs. Cunningham was a meticulous bookkeeper and office manager. Through hard work and determination, they established and operated Marlyle Farms for many years in the Concord area.

They were extremely active in the community through the school and their church, served as 4-H leaders, and hosted farm tours. All of their children graduated from Concord High School and have fond memories of many school personnel. By establishing these scholarships, the Cunningham

family wishes to honor their parents and help future CHS graduates prepare for productive and rewarding careers.

New and renewing Cunningham scholarships will be administered by the CEF according to the guidelines below.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior who has attended CHS throughout this academic year, and preference will be given to applicants who have attended Concord Schools for more than one year.
2. Applicant has a cumulative high school GPA of 3.25 or higher.
3. Applicant must intend to enroll full-time (minimum of 12 credits/term) in a four-year accredited public college or university in the state of Michigan.
4. Applicant must demonstrate such qualities as honesty, reliability and strong work ethic, as well as the ability to succeed in her/his chosen field.
5. Applicant must have participated in school, community or volunteer activities.
6. Preference will be given to students pursuing degrees in agricultural sciences, engineering, health care or teacher education.
7. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate financial need.

Amount: Up to $5,000 for new awards, and up to $5,000 per year for renewing awards for up to three additional years.

Use: Tuition, books, lab and other course fees.

Renewability of Scholarship: Renewable up to three consecutive years for undergraduate studies as long as the student has maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher in the previous award year.

Renewing applicants must follow the application procedures established by the CEF.

Keefer Scholarship – The Dr. and Mrs. Keefer scholarship was established by the Keefer family to provide financial assistance to Concord graduates **pursuing a career in the medical field.** Dr. Keefer and his wife served the medical needs of the Concord community for many years and left a legacy of dedication, devotion and love.

Eligibility: Consideration will be given to those students who demonstrate financial need and qualities of initiative, determination, honesty, ambition, integrity, community service and desire for education. Scholarship awards must be used for school related expenses including, but not limited to, tuition, room and board, books and lab fees. The scholarship may be used at any accredited junior college, community college, or university.

The Keefer scholarship may be renewed annually for up to three consecutive years **if the recipient remains in a medical field of study**. Renewals may be for a greater or lesser amount depending on level of performance at college, financial need and the amount of available funds. If funds are not available in any given year for both renewing previous awards and granting a new scholarship, priority will be given to the renewal. Final determinations will be made by the CEF.

Klett Scholarship- Valuing education and Concord youth, Bruce and Pat Klett donated funds to establish a scholarship to be awarded to one or more Concord graduate(s). Residing in Concord for many years, Mr. Klett was employed at Consumers Energy and Mrs. Klett was a librarian at Concord High School. The family has continued to fund this scholarship upon the passing of Mr. and Mrs. Klett.

Eligibility: Financial need will be a significant consideration for this scholarship along with scholastic achievement. Recipients must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and demonstrate qualities of determination, integrity and desire for education. This award must be used for school related expenses which include, but are not limited to, tuition, room and board, books and lab fees. This scholarship may be used at any accredited post-secondary institution including either academic or vocational school.

This scholarship is a one-time award and is not renewable.

Laske Scholarship - Coach Steve Laske spent his career at Concord as a Teacher, Administrator, Coach, Mentor and friend. Coaching the Wrestling team for almost two decades was among his most personally rewarding experiences. Wrestlers, team assistants and families were special and lifelong parts of the extended Laske family. Funded by the Laske family, **this scholarship is awarded to a senior wrestler or team assistant**. Coach Laske was a firm believer in the value of education beyond high school.

Eligibility: Applicant must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and demonstrate the qualities of determination, integrity and desire for education. Scholarship awards must be used for school-related expenses which include, but are not limited to, tuition, room and board, books and lab fees. This scholarship may be used at any accredited post-secondary institution including either academic or vocational schools.

This scholarship is a one-time award and is not renewable.

Mikovits Memorial Running Scholarship – Alan Mikovits appreciated the positive impact the Concord running program and coaches had on each of his three sons. In his memory this scholarship will be awarded to a senior who has participated in running at Concord and has benefited from the experience.

Eligibility: Applicant must have a minimum of one season running Concord Cross Country or Track and submit a paragraph on how running impacted his or her life. The applicant must also demonstrate strength of character.

Scholarship awards must be used for school related expenses which include, but are not limited to, tuition, room and board, books and lab fees.

This scholarship is a one-time award and is not renewable.

Murdock Scholarship – Kenneth and Ruby Murdock, longtime Concord residents and business owners, were great supporters of the Concord Community. Upon their passing, they donated substantial funds to the district to establish renewable scholarships especially focused on those with financial need. They wanted to help students financially who otherwise could not afford any additional schooling after graduation.

Eligibility: Applicant must demonstrate financial need, which is the main consideration for this scholarship. Recipient must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and demonstrate qualities such as initiative, determination, ambition, integrity, community service and desire for education.

Murdock Scholarships are renewable annually for up to three consecutive years. Renewals may be for a greater or lesser amount depending on level of performance at college, financial need and the amount of available funds. If funds are not available in any given year for both renewing previous awards and granting a new scholarship, priority will be given to the renewal. Final determinations will be made by the CEF.

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All CEF scholarships will be subject to the following criteria:

1. All funds will be paid directly to the school the recipient will attend.
2. Financial need will be demonstrated through the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form filed by the student and the S.A.I. (Student Aid Index) once available.
3. Transcripts submitted with this application must reflect 7 (seven) semesters.
4. Awards are given as scholarships, not loans, and therefore repayment by the recipient is not expected.

The recipient(s) and the amount of the award(s), including renewals if any, will be determined by the board of the Concord Educational Foundation, with the assistance of a Scholarship Committee upon review of the scholarship application or renewal letter. The Scholarship Committee will be composed of the following:

1. Superintendent
2. High School Principal
3. High School Teacher
4. High School Counselor
5. Concord Educational Foundation Board Member

After thoroughly reading through all scholarship criteria and eligibility expectations, place an X by each scholarship for which you would like to be considered:

_____Buskirk Memorial Scholarship

_____Cunningham Scholarship

_____Keefer Scholarship

_____Klett Scholarship

_____Laske Scholarship

_____Mikovits Memorial Running Scholarship

_____Murdock Scholarship

Neatly and thoroughly complete the CEF Scholarship Application (in ink) on the following pages and provide all requested information that follows (in ink or typed on a separate sheet). Along with the application, submit two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members and a copy of your seven (7)-semester transcript. All applications must be submitted to the high school counseling office by the date announced and posted by that office.

CONCORD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print in ink or type the following information:

Name:

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address:

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(Street/PO Box #) (City) (Zip)

Home/Cell Phone_____Email_____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

University, College or Trade School you plan to attend_____

Program of Study: _____Anticipated Occupation_____

Did you file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form? _____ Date Received_____

You must attach a copy of the summary report of the FAFSA form showing your S.A.I. (Student Aid Index). If the results from your aid application are not available, you may not be considered as a candidate for scholarship awards. S.A.I. $_____Current G.P.A._____

Provide information for each of the following on this form or typed on a separate sheet of paper.

1) Briefly describe any work experience you have had in the last four years.

2) List any extra-curricular activities in which you have participated during the last four years.

3) List any type of community service/volunteerism in which have you participated during the last four years.

4. Briefly explain how you have shown a strong work ethic, initiative, honesty and integrity in your life.

5. If applying for a scholarship based on a particular sport, share how participating in that sport (wrestling, running etc.) has impacted your life.

Along with this application, please submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a non-family member and a copy of your seven (7) semester transcript.

I certify that the answers provided in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Student's Signature Date

_____ _____

Counselor's Signature Date

[Return this application and requested materials to the Counseling Office by the posted deadline.]

Document Checklist: (NOTE: Please STAPLE all documents together.)

_____ Completed Application
_____ Seven (7) Semester Transcript
_____FAFSA Confirmation Page/Summary showing S.A.I., if available
_____Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from Non-Family Members