2018 CF Charities Scholarship Eligibility and Requirements Application Opens: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2018 by 5pm (EST) LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED



ABOUT PROMISE SCHOLARS:

The Promise Scholars program is a leadership and scholarship initiative of CF Charities, which support students who want to pursue a health and technology careers in the future. These students also demonstrate leadership qualities inside the classroom and/or throughout the community. The overall goal of the Promise Scholars program is to build character and leadership, support a passion for achieving, and reflect the value of community service.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

All scholarship applicants must be in good academic standing in accordance with their school's interpretation of such expectation. Essay entries must be typed, double-spaced, 12-point font size, in Times New Roman. Complete submissions should include a cover page specifying the applicant's full name, school, title of essay, email address and phone number. Essays should be saved and sent as a PDF-file to "jsuggs@cfcharities.org" on/or before Friday, March 30, 2018 by 5pm.

Essays are judged on original content that aligns with the subject, <u>grammar</u>, punctuation, citation of specific sources and creativity. Winners will be <u>required</u> to attend the special <u>Awards & Check Presentation</u> <u>Reception</u> on <u>Friday</u>, June 8, 2018 at the SHERATON PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY HILL HOTEL

FUELING BRIGHT FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

The Fueling Bright Futures Scholarship provides individual scholarships to eligible high school seniors. The scholarship award can be used to cover tuition expenses and related supplemental educational expenses such as books, lab fees, and dues.

Award: \$500-\$5,000

Eligibility Requirements: For graduating seniors only. Submit a 500-750 word essay on "What Fuels My Future?" As you near graduation day and look at your high school career closely, talk about what elements, people, or situations that have "fueled" or "motivated" you to excel and succeed both inside and outside of the classroom. Furthermore, discuss what will be the source of fuel to inspire you to achieve your dreams in the future.

ALEX NORDQUIST EDUCATION AWARD:

The Alex Nordquist Education Award benefits Promise Scholar students who plan to continue their education by pursuing post-secondary opportunities. Students reflect the tenacity and courage Alex reflected in overcoming barriers, obstacles and helping others.

Award: \$1,000

Eligibility Requirements: For graduating seniors only. Submit a 500-750 word essay on "*Lessons learned from* overcoming challenges and obstacles leading to graduation, and how those lessons will fuel your future achievement."

SCHOLARSHIP AND DISBURSEMENT POLICY

All scholarships awarded to program participants of CF Charities should be used to support a student's pursuit of higher education and/or post-secondary opportunity. Scholarships are used by the students to help pay for: tuition, books and school supplies, dorm supplies, and related expenses not covered by other sources. The exact allocation of the award reflects the pre-approved parameters set by the Board of Directors.

To receive awards, recipients must sign and submit the following documentation prior to disbursement:

- Funding agreement application;
- Proof of enrollment (current semester schedule, acceptance letter etc.).

Scholarship disbursements are made twice annually - in the fall and Spring Semesters of each year. At the start of the semester, all disbursements are sent directly to the educational institution, unless otherwise noted.

CF Charities acknowledges that some educational grants awarded to program participants are merit-based, pass-through funding, or restricted for a particular reason. When necessary, such cases will be managed on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director.

Finally, regarding displacement, all CF Charities scholarships are granted to provide the students with "benefits" that place them in better positions than if they had not received the awards. It is intended that the students, not the institution, benefit from the scholarship award. Therefore, all awards will be give once all other aid has been applied to the student's account and financial aid package.

ABOUT CF CHARITIES

The mission of CF Charities is to empower the lives of underserved youth by equipping them with the resources, education and experiences essential for post-secondary readiness and successful entry in the STEM profession.

CF Charities offers students with mission-aligned experiences and educational programs that promote service-learning, leadership development, and career-exploration through mentoring, scholarships and afterschool programs. Today, the vision is to equip the next-generation of student-leaders with an "iCan" attitude who graduate, pursue a career in STEM, and bring back positive care and services to communities in need across the country.