COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of Northeast Alabama

Juliette P. Doster Scholarship Fund Guidelines



Juliette P. Doster

Tribute: The Juliette P. Doster Scholarship Fund was created to honor Mrs. Doster's forty years of volunteer service and leadership in promoting better healthcare in Calhoun County. Mrs. Doster served as a member and Chairman of the Board for Stringfellow Hospital; she was instrumental in establishing the Stringfellow Hospital Foundation; and shepherded the hospital's transition to the Stringfellow Health Trust, now known as the Stringfellow Health Fund. In recognition for her many accomplishments, the Stringfellow Hospital Foundation placed its previous Scholars Fund into a health education scholarship fund in honor of Mrs. Doster.

Award: The scholarship benefits individuals pursuing an associate's, bachelor's degree, or State of Alabama approved workforce training program. The award is for either part-time or full-time enrolled students to attend any accredited institution of higher learning in the United States. The award is renewable annually for four years, providing that the recipient continues to maintain the standards of these Guidelines. The award is restricted to a specific area of study or academic degree.

The Community Foundation will project and allocate the assets available for scholarship awards depending on the Fund's annual income. This scholarship is strictly funded based on available assets. The award can be used for tuition, institutional housing, supplies, books, and fees. Even though a scholarship is listed as "renewable," this does not guarantee a future award. The award amount can change each year or semester based on available assets; therefore, recipients are encouraged to apply for other available financial resources.

Due to the renewable nature of the Fund, it may not be available on an annual basis. Please contact the Community Foundation to inquire about award dates.

Eligibility: Applicant must be a resident of the area served by the Community Foundation (currently Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, DeKalb, Etowah, Randolph, St. Clair, and Talladega counties). Awards are made to nontraditional students who are pursuing continuing education,

advanced training, or certifications in a healthcare career. Students are eligible to apply for the scholarship without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin, or disability.
Nontraditional students define as a continuum of characteristics but are generally recognized as students who did not enter post-secondary education in the same calendar year that they finished high school.

Moreover, applicants must be enrolled or pursuing training in an accredited college, university, technical school, or institute in the United States. Priority will be given to individuals pursuing training in areas of specialized care or discernable healthcare services needed in the community.

All donors and relatives of those donors, who contribute more than two percent of the Fund's assets, are ineligible to receive a scholarship from the Fund. In addition, the Foundation's Board of Trustees, former trustees, staff, and Scholarship Review Committee members, including their spouses, children, adopted children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, are prohibited from applying for or receiving any scholarship, or grant, or financial award from the Foundation. Based on IRS regulations, this disqualifying exclusion exists for three (3) years after concluding volunteer service or employment.

Application: Application and Guidelines are available online at www.cfnea.org. The Community Foundation will maintain and revise as necessary the guidelines and application documents. Applications must be electronically submitted to the Community Foundation by **March 1** of each year.

Scholarship Review Committee: In compliance with federal law, scholarship recipients shall be selected by the Community Foundation's Scholarship Review Committee, solely appointed by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. The committee will submit their recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Trustees for their final approval.

Review Process: Students are required to submit the application packet online at www.cfnea.org by **March 1**. Foundation staff will screen the application for clarity and completeness. The applications deemed by Foundation staff to be clear and complete will be presented to the Scholarship Review Committee for review and scoring. The scores and recommendations will be compiled by the Foundation's staff and submitted to the Foundation's Board of Trustees for final approval.

Award Distributions: The Foundation will make scholarship payments at the beginning of each academic semester. Distributions will not be made until the Foundation receives all required documentation, including but not limited to: (1) certified proof of enrollment from the institution, (2) confirmation that the recipient is enrolled in a program, and (3) school transcripts. Checks are made directly to the financial administration office at the college or institution. No distribution will be made to any individual for any reason.

Continuing scholarship payments are made based on regular (quarterly or semester) reviews. The scholarship recipient must provide the Foundation with a copy of the official transcript from the

institution at the end of the academic term (quarter or semester) or a copy of the certification document at the completion of the program. Failure to maintain a 3.0 or "B" average or better on a 4.0 scale will result in the termination of the Juliette P. Doster Scholarship.

Students must notify the Foundation of any additional educational or financial aid grants or awards immediately. In addition, the Foundation is to be notified if there is any change in the student's financial support.

An Award may not be renewed beyond the customary time period required for the completion of a degree: two years for an associate degree and four years for a bachelor's degree. An Award to a part-time Scholarship Recipient may not be renewed beyond six years of progressive study.

Formal Handwritten Thank You Card: Communications of gratitude for this award from scholarship recipients can be sent to the Board of Trustees in care of The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama. You are required to mail in a handwritten thank you note by June 1 of each year of the scholarship.

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Responsibility of Recipient: Each scholarship recipient is responsible for fulfilling the requirements for admission to the college or university of choice. The scholarship recipient must enter a post-secondary institution of higher learning no later than the fall term following the selection and award; otherwise, they forfeit the award. No award shall be carried over beyond twelve months from the date of acceptance. Recipients not completing the full academic year must request the institution to reimburse the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama for any funds eligible for a refund because of separation from the academic program.

Conditions: The Juliette P. Doster Scholarship Guidelines are not a contract. No obligation or liability of any kind will be imposed upon a scholarship recipient; nor will the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, except as expressly stated in this document, assume any obligation or liability. These guidelines are subject to change; therefore, applicants should inquire if revised guidelines have been issued. Changes may impact the due date of the application documents. The Foundation respects the privacy and confidentiality of all personal information.

The Community Foundation will not; (1) accept applications that are presented after the due date; (2) contact students to locate missing documents such as transcripts, (3) contact students to return the Letter of Acceptance form; or, (4) contact students to provide proof of enrollment in order to receive payment.

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