

JOHN FRANCIS AMHERST CECIL SCHOLARSHIP

Fact Sheet

The John Francis Amherst Cecil Scholarship was established in honor of William A. V. Cecil's father, who spent many years looking after the interests of Biltmore Estate from the early 1930s through the mid-1950s. The Honorable Mr. Cecil was a descendant of Lord Burghley, Chief High Treasurer under Queen Elizabeth I. He served in the British Diplomatic Service and later, during World War II, as Minister of Information. His great contributions to the Estate as its administrator after the war enabled the property to remain private and intact. This scholarship is a tribute to his devotion to the preservation and well-being of Biltmore Estate and its employees.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the John Francis Amherst Cecil Scholarship is to assist the dependents of Biltmore employees with the rising costs of higher education.

Up to seven (7) one-time scholarships will be offered this year, each up to a maximum of \$1,500. Although this scholarship is not renewable, recipients are eligible to re-apply up to three times while working toward an undergraduate degree, as long as they continue to meet the scholarship criteria. Scholarship recipients may apply the funds to any U.S. accredited post-high school educational program to include vocational or technical schools as well as two- and four- year colleges or universities, either public or private.

ELIGIBILITY

Legal dependents of current year-round full-time employees, year-round part-time employees or seasonal full-time employees of Biltmore, with one year of completed service at the time of application, are eligible to compete for the John Francis Amherst Cecil Scholarship. At the time of application, the applicant must be a senior in a secondary school or doing equivalent work, or a secondary school graduate. All members of the family of John Francis Amherst Cecil and all children of the officers of Biltmore are ineligible. The Community Foundation scholarships will be awarded without regard to age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religious belief, or any other characteristic protected by law.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Criteria for awarding the scholarship will be based on the student's academic achievement/potential and financial need. Important to the process of selection are moral character, community service, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, and work experience.

ADMINISTRATION

The scholarship program will be administered by The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina. Please direct any questions about this scholarship to The Community Foundation at (828) 254-4960.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students who meet the eligibility requirements of the John Francis Amherst Cecil Scholarship may obtain an application with instructions through Biltmore's human resources department. Prior scholarship recipients may reapply up to three times while working towards an undergraduate degree, if they continue to meet scholarship criteria. Awards are competitive, and all applicants will be considered equally regardless of previous award(s). Applications must be completed and returned with all required attachments **to The Community Foundation (address on reverse) for arrival on or before 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2010. Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

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SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

A Scholarship Committee of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina will review all applications. Selections will be based on the stated criteria, and written notification of the committee's decision will be forwarded to all applicants following approval by our Board of Directors.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS

Payment of scholarship awards will be made at the beginning of the school year. Checks will be made payable to the college and will be forwarded to the financial aid office for the student's account.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Each scholarship recipient is responsible for fulfilling requirements for admission to the educational institution of his or her choice. The scholarship recipient must enter a post-secondary educational institution no later than the fall term following selection for the scholarship.

Students must notify The Community Foundation of the receipt of any other educational grants or scholarship assistance as soon as the student receives notification of those awards.

Students must notify The Community Foundation of any change in plans, such as transfer to another school, interruption in attendance, reduction in course load or discontinuance of school. Scholarship recipients who transfer to another college are expected to provide The Community Foundation with an official statement from that college, indicating that they have been granted admission.

Each scholarship recipient must provide The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina with a copy of the grade report from the school he/she is attending at the end of each semester or term, and an official transcript at the end of each school year for which the scholarship is received.

Except as described in this summary, no obligation or liability of any kind will be imposed upon a scholarship recipient; nor will any liability or obligation be assumed by The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina or Biltmore, except as expressly stated in this document. A recipient is not bound to work for Biltmore, perform any kind of service for it, or to reimburse the Company in any way. However, recipients not completing the full academic year must request the school to reimburse The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina for any eligible refund because of the student's separation from the academic program.

DOWNLOAD THE CORPORATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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