# The Sample Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship Fund of the Central Valley Community Foundation

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Sample Scholarship Fund was established under the will of John Doe in memory of his uncle and aunt. Mr. Doe was a frugal man and after inheriting money from his aunt and uncle, he decided to honor their memory by establishing the Fund. Mr. Doe was born August 2, 1929, to James Doe, and Jaime Doe. After living through the great depression, he graduated from Lanier High School and attended college for a short time. Crowned Little Mr. Macon in the 1930's, Mr. Doe held several jobs throughout his lifetime, including being a disc jockey, a parking lot attendant and working the elevator at the old Grand Theater. Stricken with cerebral palsy, Mr. Doe loved sports and old movies and was often seen around downtown Macon sporting a cowboy hat. Mr. Doe had a passion for education and helping others.

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Trust was to establish a scholarship program for the benefit of worthy students of good character in High School who needed financial aid to assist them in obtaining a college education.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Applicants must be graduates of an accredited high school in, work, or be a resident of Fresno
  Counties. A preference will be given to those students who live in \_\_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood.
- Award winners must be enrolled as full-time students and maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.
- Award winners must be completing their undergraduate degrees. The scholarship is not for those receiving a master's degree or a Ph.D.
- Each award winner is required to submit a grade report for the period for which the scholarship is awarded. The report will be considered if the recipient applies for the scholarship again in the future.

## CRITERIA:

Applicants will be selected based on the following:

- Scholastic ability
- Financial need
- Personal character
- Preference will be given to those students in Bibb County

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Candidates must submit a completed application packet (please see NOTE below) to the Central Valley Community Foundation no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 1. Please do not staple application materials. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Page five of this application, Financial Aid Information, is the only portion which will be accepted via fax.

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NOTE: In order for an application to be deemed complete and considered by the Selection Committee, it must include the following:

- 1. A completed application form including a signed Information Release Form. The financial aid section must be completed by the college or university's Financial Aid Office and returned to the Community Foundation by the deadline.
- 2. Typed essay (1-2 pages) listing all honors and awards you have received in high school and college, a description of your career goals, and any special personal or family circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance.
- 3. Official high school or college transcript.
- 4. SAT/ACT scores if you are a recent high school graduate.
- 5. A letter of recommendation from your academic dean, advisor, counselor, or teacher.

The Scholarship Selection Committee comprised of the trustees of the original fund shall make the selection of each scholarship recipient and forward the notice to the Central Valley Community Foundation for fund disbursement. The scholarship disbursement shall be made directly to the educational institution for the benefit of the scholarship recipient. The scholarship must be utilized within one year of the date of the award.

## **AWARDS:**

Scholarship Range: \$1,000 + annually (the total award is divided into separate payments over two semesters) Number of Awards: Approximately 12 per year.