

Coss Family Foundation Adult Scholarship Program

THE PROGRAM

Lawrence M. Coss, founder and former CEO of Conseco Finance Corporation, established the Coss Family Foundation Scholarship Program at The Saint Paul Foundation in 2004. He started another scholarship program in 2009 to assist residents of select South Dakota and Minnesota counties who did not attend college right after graduating from high school. Scholarships are awarded to students enrolling in a program leading to a college degree or certificate that will help them achieve self-sufficiency and/or improve their existing situation. Renewable scholarships are offered each year for full or part-time study.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services[®], a division of Scholarship America[®]. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- be residents of Buffalo, Hand, Hyde, Meade, or Pennington counties in South Dakota; or Dakota or Ramsey counties in Minnesota at the time of application and while attending the educational institution.
- be accepted for enrollment in a program that leads to a certificate or a degree at one of the following educational institutions:
 - South Dakota: Black Hills State University, Spearfish and Rapid City
Western Dakota Technical Institute, Rapid City
 - Minnesota: Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount
Saint Paul College, Saint Paul
Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights
- be enrolled at least half time (6 credits) during each academic term.
- have unmet financial need and be assessed by the college/university's financial aid personnel to face financial hardship without scholarship assistance. Applicant must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and include a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR).
- be independent for tax filing purposes and not listed as dependents on another person's taxes; however, the applicant may be living with his/her parent(s).

Preference will be given to individuals out of high school at least four years.

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$2,000 award. Seven (7) awards will be granted, approximately 1/3 to South Dakota and 2/3 to Minnesota students. Awards may be renewed for up to one additional year contingent upon the student having a cumulative year-end grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent. After receiving a renewal award and attaining a certificate or two-year degree, previous recipients may reapply for a second scholarship award to pursue a bachelor's degree, on the basis of satisfactory academic performance.

Awards are to be used for education-related expenses included in the cost of attendance, such as tuition, fees, required books and supplies, room and board, transportation, and child care incurred during the course of undergraduate study only.

APPLICATION

Financial aid personnel at each school will distribute application packets to eligible students. Students receiving an application must complete and return it to their school's financial aid office by **March 1, 2012**. Financial aid personnel are to mail their school's four applications to Scholarship Management Services postmarked no later than **March 15, 2012**.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services and the Coss Family Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of financial need; two recommendation letters from non-family members; and a personal statement describing a) what influenced the applicant to return to school, b) how completion of the educational program will improve his/her life situation and c) how and when any unusual personal or family circumstances affected your educational or work history.

Selection of recipients is made by the Coss Family Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants whose applications were forwarded to Scholarship Management Services will be notified in May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Management Services processes scholarship payments on behalf of the Coss Family Foundation Scholarship Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation. Payments are made in equal installments on August 15th and December 30th. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the school for the student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to the Coss Family Foundation Scholarship Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

REVISIONS

The Coss Family Foundation Scholarship Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Coss Family Foundation Adult Scholarship Program
Scholarship Management Services
One Scholarship Way
Saint Peter, MN 56082
Telephone: (507) 931-1682

Application materials are to be returned to the school's financial aid office.
Do not mail applications directly to the address above.

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TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be reviewed properly.

Application deadline March 1, 2012

FOR SCHOLARSHIP MANAGEMENT SERVICES USE ONLY

Table with columns: I.D. #, PS, RL, UC, FIN, TOTAL

APPLICANT DATA

Last Name First Middle Initial Permanent Home Mailing Address Apartment #

City State ZIP Code

I am a resident of this county:

South Dakota: Buffalo Hand Hyde Meade Pennington Minnesota: Dakota Ramsey Other

Telephone Cell Phone

Email Address

Date of Birth: Month Day Year

Please indicate your status. (For statistical purposes only) Male Female American Indian/Alaska Native Black/African American Multi-Racial White Asian Hispanic/Latino Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY AND PLANS

Name of High School you attended

City State

High School Graduation Date: Month Year Date Received GED (if applicable) Month Year

Name of postsecondary school you plan to attend.

South Dakota: Black Hills State University, Spearfish/Rapid City Western Dakota Technical Institute, Rapid City Minnesota: Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount Saint Paul College, Saint Paul Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights Other

Academic status: Undergraduate Graduate Enrollment status: Part-time Full-time

Major or course of study: Expected graduation date: Month Year

Degree sought: Bachelor's Associate Certificate Other

Name all postsecondary schools you previously attended (if any). Use official school name. Do not use abbreviations.

School: City State

Dates Attended: From To Total Credits Earned: Degree Earned (if any):

Full Name on transcript, if different from applicant's current name above

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(If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format.)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Attach two (2) letters of recommendation from adults who are not family members.

Letter Writer's Name Title Organization

Telephone Email Relationship to applicant?

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