

Sister Carol Beairsto Postgraduate Assistance Fund

Statement of Purpose: This fund is meant to assist former graduates of Collier High School in pursuing higher education or specialized training one or more full years after they have left the school. Further, the scholarship is targeted to those former graduates who had not qualified for other scholarships or funds and whose postgraduate studies had been postponed due to financial and/or personal hardship. The fund is named in of honor of Sister Carol Beairsto, R.G.S., who established Collier High School as a day school in 1978 and had led Collier Services as executive director from that time through June of 1996.

Eligibility: Former graduates of Collier High School and the Collier Group Home who reached their majority (age 21), have not qualified for other assistance/scholarship and may have had to postpone their plans for postgraduate studies due to personal difficulties, which may include health concerns or financial hardship. Some examples of hardship/difficulties might include pregnancy, hospitalization, needing to work to earn money for self-support, etc. In some rare cases, pupils who have been at Collier for two or more years but have not graduated from the school may apply.

The intention of the fund is to augment one's ability to enter a training program or school which will further one's education or job readiness/advancement. Normally, the fund could be used to reimburse the tuition of colleges, technical schools (Cosmetology, Autobody, etc.) and other types of professional training as well as certain materials/equipment (tools, machinery, office supplies, etc.) needed to start a course or enter a field of endeavor. The fund may not be used to cover debts, pay rent or assist in emergency situations.

Application Process: Former graduates who meet the above-stated criteria must complete the attached application form in full. Monies will be awarded based on documented need and conformity to eligibility criteria as long as funds are available. The decision to award the scholarship is accomplished through the Collier PTO which will have the benefit of input from the postgraduate counselor and the school's administrators. Normally, funds will be issued through the Collier PTO account after proper receipts are in hand. In some cases the check may be made payable to the school or program applicant will attend.

Amount of Assistance: The fund will be limited to disbursements of up to \$250.00 per semester or for a maximum of \$500.00 in one calendar year. Depending of the strength of the fund and the number of disbursement anticipated, successful applicants may seek additional funding within the five year limitation.

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Application Form

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Maiden Name: _____

What years did you attend Collier High School? _____

Did you graduate from Collier _____ Other high school _____ GED _____ Other _____

Educational history since leaving Collier: _____

Employment history: _____

Pertinent information you may wish to relate at this time: _____

Reason for requesting assistance including intended use of funds and name of school you wish to attend:

Future goals: _____

List of references: _____
