

## **CRITERIA**

### **THE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FUND**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FUND shall be to support and enhance the opportunities for non-public school children in Carroll County, Maryland to obtain, as a valid public purpose, a well rounded and successful educational experience commensurate with the educational experience of children in Carroll County attending Public Schools.

Distributions from the fund may include but are not limited to funds for books, learning materials, equipment, curricula, science and technology needs, music, art and physical education experiences.

An Advisory Committee consisting of citizens of Carroll County, chosen by the Foundation from across the County will be established. The Advisory Committee will review applications for distributions from the Fund and will make recommendations to the board of directors of the Community Foundation of Carroll County who will make the final decisions about distributions from the Fund

#### **FUND SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- A. FUNDS will be awarded to an applicant who meets the following criteria:
  - 1. The student will be a citizen of Carroll County Maryland.
  - 2. The student will be enrolled and attending a non-public school or be home schooled.
  
- B. The administration of the FUND shall be as follows:
  - 1. The recipient(s) shall be selected by an Advisory Committee established by the Community Foundation of Carroll County, Inc. consisting of 1 private school parent or former parent, 1 parochial school parent or former parent, 1 home school parent or former home school parent, 1 representative from the business community and 1 representative from the Community Foundation. No parent of a private, parochial or homeschooled child serving on the Advisory Committee shall be eligible to apply for grants from the Educational Opportunity Fund . The size of this committee may be increased from time to time as necessary to carry out the work of the fund.

2. Principle and income in the Fund shall be used for fund purposes.
3. The money shall be transmitted by the Community Foundation of Carroll County directly to the family involved and applied to the expenses indicated in the application.

### **EXAMPLES OF PROPOSED ELIGIBLE ITEMS**

This list is by way of example and not necessarily exclusive and in no particular order of priority. All distributions made from this fund are subject to the discretion of the advisory committee and final approval of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Carroll County, Inc.

- Textbooks, study and technical materials
- Science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) experiences and supplies
- Computer programs and educational software
- Technology-networking, etc. ( \$250.00 per student maximum)
- Education related transportation expenses for students
- Fees for physical education, music, drama, art and other cultural experiences
- Appropriate student conferences, workshops or seminar fees
- Purchase of services from the Carroll County Public School system for the benefit of non public and home schooled children.
- Other ancillary and miscellaneous expenses deemed appropriate by the Advisory Committee
- Fees associated with the above mentioned categories
- Please provide invoices or receipts for money expended by you for these items and total the request in the space provided on the application.

**NOTE:** There will be a maximum per student, per year ( A year is defined as August/September of one year until June of the following year) disbursement of \$1,000.00

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