YAWKEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

December 7, 2016

The Yawkey Scholars Program invites you to help us find promising students for a scholarship opportunity for graduating high school students entering private colleges in Massachusetts in 2017-18. This program is designed to make college affordable for talented, motivated, low-income students from Massachusetts. It provides a four-year renewable tuition scholarship and other supports to help students achieve academically and go on to be successful and highly productive members of our community. Over the past eleven years, the Yawkey Scholars Program has provided $10 million in tuition supports to 265 Scholars as they pursue a college education.

A copy of the Yawkey Scholars Program guidelines are attached.

Many students are deserving of this type of support during college, but this program seeks to support and encourage students:

1) Who have a strong academic record, or demonstration of significant improvement over time
2) Who are planning to attend a competitive private college in Massachusetts
3) Who are engaged in a meaningful mentoring relationship
4) Who have unmet financial need and would benefit from scholarship support so that they can graduate with a manageable loan burden

We invite you to share the Yawkey Scholars Program guidelines with students who will be entering college in fall 2017 and who meet this program’s criteria. A copy of the Yawkey Scholars Program guidelines are enclosed. Applications will be processed online – hard copies will not be accepted. For more information and application instructions, go to:


Applications must be completed online by February 15, 2017 at noon.

The Yawkey Scholars Program is administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI). Please direct any questions to Abby Elcock at 617-338-5895 or Yawkey@tpi.org.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Kristen Whelan
Yawkey Scholars Program Director

Enclosures
YAWKEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM HISTORY

The Yawkey Foundations are committed to continuing the legacy of Tom and Jean Yawkey by making significant and positive impacts on the quality of life of children, families, and the underserved in the areas the Yawkeys called home, New England and Georgetown County, South Carolina.

Education was an area of particular concern for Tom and Jean Yawkey. They understood its ability to alter the course of young lives. In honor of the Yawkeys' commitment to education, in 2005 the Yawkey Foundation Board of Trustees established the Yawkey Scholars Program to help talented and motivated disadvantaged young people meet the rising costs of undergraduate education.

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THE AWARD

- Four-year, renewable scholarship to cover tuition and fees.
  - Maximum annual scholarship is $25,000. Average scholarship awarded in 2016-17 to new scholars in Massachusetts was $8,750.

- Yawkey Advisor for each student to provide support throughout their four years of college.

- Opportunities Fund – flexible financial supports to allow Scholars to participate in enriching activities and meet their academic goals.

- Resources and network to help Scholars achieve their full potential.

ELIGIBILITY

Yawkey Scholars Program recipients must meet the following eligibility requirements:

| Residency                        | • U.S. citizen; AND  
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| Financial Circumstances          | • From a low-income family with unmet financial need. Low-income family is defined as:  
|                                  |   - Expected family contribution (EFC) of less than $5,000 (from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid – FAFSA); OR  
|                                  |   - Adjusted gross family income of $65,000 or less (from line 85 of the FAFSA Student Aid Report – SAR).  
|                                  |   - Note that all applicants must submit a copy of pages one and two of the parent(s)’ or guardian(s)’ most recent IRS form 1040 and a copy of the SAR. |
| Mentoring Relationship           | • Engaged in a meaningful, sustained mentoring program or ongoing relationship with an adult role model.  
|                                  | • A mentoring relationship may include a formal mentoring program, an after-school program, or a trusting relationship with an adult who is a teacher, coach, employer, pastor or clergy member, or other non-family member whom the student depends on for advice or counsel. |
| Academic Standing                | • Current senior at an accredited high school in Massachusetts.  
|                                  | • Accepted to and plan to attend a competitive private four-year college or university in Massachusetts beginning in Fall 2017.  
|                                  | • Strong academic record or demonstration of significant improvement over time.  
|                                  | • Ability and motivation to achieve in college. |
| Community Involvement            | • Involved in a balance of community, school, and work activities.  
|                                  | • Exhibit leadership potential and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to our community, both present and in the future. |

1 Eligibility and scholarship amounts will be determined in consultation with the college the student chooses to attend.

A program of the Yawkey Foundation

2017 Guidelines for Application for Massachusetts Residents

Administrated by The Philanthropic Initiative
420 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116
617-338-5895; fax 617-338-2591
PROCEDURE
Complete applications are due February 15, 2017 by noon. Only complete applications submitted online will be reviewed. Please follow instructions carefully. Applicants’ ability to follow instruction will weigh into award decisions.

To access the application, click here: https://www.grantinterface.com/yawkey/common/logon.aspx.

1. Prior to completing the application, please be sure you meet all eligibility requirements (academic and financial). Ineligible applications will not be reviewed.
   Review Application: Please review the questions and required attachments in advance to be sure you have access to all the information you will need to complete the application. A PDF version of the application is available for download at: http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program

2. Required Documents: Instructions on how to submit required attachments are included in the online application (options include uploading electronic files, scanning and uploading, or using a fax-to-file feature).

3. Recommendations: Make sure you give your recommenders ample time to complete the recommendations. Your two recommenders must upload their recommendation forms and letters to your online application. Instructions are included in the application.

4. If you have questions, contact us at yawkey@tpi.org.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
The following materials are required. Only complete applications submitted online will be considered. (Required documents #2-4 can be downloaded at: http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program

1. Complete Application Submitted Online
2. Extracurricular and Community Activities Form (includes work, school, community and volunteer experience)
3. Teacher/Counselor Recommendation (to be filled out by a teacher or guidance counselor)
4. Mentor Recommendation (to be filled out by a teacher, work supervisor, community leader, coach, or any other non-family member who knows you well)
5. Essays – One long and two short
6. Official high school transcript
7. Transcript Information from School Official (Section 1 of Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form)
8. Pages 1 and 2 of parent(s’) most recent IRS 1040 tax forms
9. Complete Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA. This document will be approximately five pages long. You must submit the ENTIRE document.

TIMELINE
- Selected applicants will be invited to TPI for interviews in April.
- Scholarship recipients and amounts will be announced in late April/early May.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Please contact us at yawkey@tpi.org
The Red Pine Scholarship is seeking its next class of students from low- to middle-income families in Massachusetts who have demonstrated academic excellence and are planning to attend competitive colleges as freshmen in the fall of 2017. This program is designed to support students through tuition assistance, mentoring, and other flexible financial supports. The Red Pine Scholarship program is dedicated to making college affordable for Massachusetts families and helping students to reach their full potential. The program is funded by an anonymous donor and administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI).

We seek your help in identifying eligible students to apply. We invite you to share the enclosed guidelines with students who will be entering college in fall 2017 and who meet the program criteria.

While many students are deserving of this type of support during college, to be eligible for this program students must:

1) come from low- to middle- income families
2) have a strong academic record or have shown significant improvement over time
3) be planning to enroll as a freshman at a competitive four-year college in fall 2017

A copy of the Red Pine Scholarship guidelines is enclosed. Applications will be processed online — hard copies will not be accepted. For more information and application instructions, go to:


Applications must be completed online by February 15, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

Please direct any questions to Robin Baird at redpine@tpi.org or 617-338-2694.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Leslie Pine
Red Pine Scholarship 2017 Guidelines

About
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Program Components
Scholarship: Four-year, renewable scholarship to a competitive four-year college in the U.S. Scholarships will range from $5,000 to $20,000 annually. Award size is based on unmet financial need.
Advising: Each student is paired with an adult mentor to provide advice and assistance navigating the college experience.
Flexible Funds: Additional funds available to students to support enriching experiences that help students achieve their academic goals or to assist with expenses related to unforeseen circumstances.

Eligibility Checklist
Residency
☐ U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen (eligible to receive federal financial aid – have completed FAFSA)
☐ Permanent resident of Massachusetts

Financial circumstances
☐ Adjusted gross family income (AGI) of $80,000 or less (as shown on 2015 federal tax returns)
☐ Substantial unmet need (at least $5,000) as determined by college financial aid award letter (you will likely not know this at time of application)

Academic
☐ Senior or recent graduate of accredited high school in Massachusetts
☐ Enrolling as a full-time freshman at a competitive four-year college in the U.S. in fall 2017 to pursue a Bachelor’s degree
☐ Strong academic record (enrolled in a demanding, college-prep course of study)

Personal
☐ Involved in a balance of community, school, and work activities
☐ Ability to articulate goals and future plans

Process/Timeline
February 15, 2017 by 5:00 pm Application deadline
Late March, Early April: Semi-finalist interviews
April:
Students are selected and TPI works with college financial aid offices to determine unmet need and scholarship amounts
(Students may submit financial aid award letters from all schools they are considering. Red Pine Scholarship amounts will be determined for each school, allowing recipients to use the information to help them make their final school choice. If a student’s unmet need does not exceed $5,000, unfortunately they will not be selected as a recipient.)

May:
Red Pine Scholarship recipients finalized

August:
Fall semester tuition checks mailed to schools

Administered by The Philanthropic Initiative 420 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 redpine@tpi.org
Instructions

Complete applications are due February 15, 2017 by 5:00 PM. Only complete applications submitted online will be reviewed. Please follow instructions carefully. Applicants' ability to follow instruction will weigh into award decisions.

To access the application, click here: https://www.grantinterface.com/tpischolarship/Common/LogOn.aspx

This scholarship application process may seem daunting, but with the potential to receive up to $80,000 in college tuition and other benefits, the rewards are well worth the diligent work required to complete the application.

1. Prior to completing the application, please be sure you meet all eligibility requirements (academic and financial). Ineligible applications will not be reviewed.

2. Review Application: Please review the questions and required attachments in advance to be sure you have access to all the information you will need to complete the application. You can access the full application by clicking on the "Application Packet" button at the top right-hand corner of the application page (link above).

3. Required Documents: Instructions on how to submit required attachments are included in the online application (options include scanning & uploading the documents or using a fax-to-file feature).

4. Recommendations: Make sure you give your recommenders ample time to complete the recommendations. Your two recommenders must upload their recommendation forms and letters to your online application. Instructions on how to do this are included in the application. Be sure you and your recommenders understand how to upload their letters. Only applications with two completed recommendations will be reviewed.

5. If you have questions, contact us at redpine@tpi.org.

Required Documents

The following materials are required for the scholarship committee to evaluate each student. Only complete applications submitted online will be considered. Required documents #2-4 can be downloaded at: http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/red-pine-scholarship. A checklist of all required documents can also be found here.

1. Complete Online Application Form

2. Extracurricular & Community Activities Form

3. Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form (to be filled out by a teacher or guidance counselor)

4. General Recommendation Form (to be filled out by a teacher, work supervisor, community leader, coach, or any other non-family member who knows you well)

5. Essays – One long and two short. Essay questions are located within the online application form.

6. Official high school transcript

7. Transcript Information from School Official (Section 1 of Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form)

8. Pages 1 and 2 of parent(s)' 2015 or most recent IRS 1040 tax forms

9. Complete Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA. This document will be approximately five pages long. You must submit the ENTIRE document.

* File your FAFSA as early as possible online. Your Expected Family Contribution is the amount, determined by the federal government, that you and your family should be able to contribute to your college education annually. Schools use this figure and other financial information to determine what kind of award and loan amounts you will receive. The FAFSA website is www.fafsa.ed.gov.