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Dear School Counseling Staff,

Greetings from the Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund! We are writing to update you about the 2021-2022 awards from last spring's application cycle and share information about the application process for the 2022-2023 academic year.

This year, **Phillips' new and renewal awards total over \$4 million, with more than \$2 million going to students from Massachusetts** for the 2021-2022 academic year. New awards amounted to over \$670,000 and about \$1.5 million was awarded to renewing recipients from Massachusetts. Please see the enclosed list of high schools where our new Massachusetts recipients attended along with their current colleges. Some of these awardees are designated as receiving a donor funded scholarship administered by the Phillips Scholarship. These awards are funded by outside donors and students apply for them via the same application process as applying for the Phillips Scholarship. For more information, please visit our website.

2022-2023 Application Process:

- The enclosed "How to Apply" instructions may be copied to share with students.
- New applications will be posted on the website [www.phillips-scholarship.org](http://www.phillips-scholarship.org) in December 2021.
- The **New High School Application** and **New College Application** are due at noon on May 2, 2022.
- The **Early Response Option for High School Students Application** is due at noon on April 4, 2022.
- We welcome questions! Please call 978-744-2111 or email [staff@spscholars.org](mailto:staff@spscholars.org).

**Early Response Option**

Students who have received the financial aid package from their preferred college may apply by April 4th and receive our decision before the May 1st college common reply date. We hope that this strategy allows students a better understanding of their finances before they select a school. We commit to reviewing the first 400 early applications that are filed; we have been able to review and respond to all early response applicants before May 1 each year.

*The Fund offers renewable, 4-year scholarships to students from New England with financial need. Successful candidates are those who display academic achievement, sustained service to others, good character, leadership qualities, and a history of part-time employment. We also value demonstrated grit and resiliency in students who have faced significant challenges. Applicants may be high school seniors, recent high school graduates or current college students.*

Thank you for all the work that you do to help your students with the college search and funding process!

Sincerely,

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College Scholarships for the Academic Year 2022-2023

### About the Scholarship

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund offers renewable, four-year scholarships to students with financial need who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others (in school, the community or at home), a consistent history of part-time work, grit and passion for overcoming obstacles and/or achieving future goals, and leadership qualities.

- ✓ Applicants may attend college anywhere in the United States but must be from New England.
- ✓ Awards are limited to students seeking their first bachelor's degree at a four-year college. They may be high school seniors or prospective or current college students who will be attending college full time in 2022-2023.
- ✓ Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to be considered.
- ✓ Students should be involved with community service and have a history of part-time employment.
- ✓ Applicants must have financial need. It is our intent to award students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) of about \$10,000 or less, although families with special, extenuating financial situations should call or email to see if they should apply. Before beginning the application, use the financial calculator on the Phillips website to be sure that you qualify financially. Your financial need considers the scholarships and grants that your college gives you, so you need to have that information in order to calculate your need.
- ✓ 93% of newly awarded students in 2021 had family AGIs of less than \$80,000 and 83% had EFCs below \$6,000.
- ✓ Applicants must either be United States citizens or noncitizens with a current lawful presence and work authorization in the U.S.

### How to Apply

Visit [www.phillips-scholarship.org](http://www.phillips-scholarship.org) for more information about applying for the scholarship and to access the scholarship application. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED USING THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM. Mailed applications will not be considered.

Begin your online application early enough to be thorough in your responses and to give recommenders time to respond to your recommendation requests. The majority of applicants report spending between 4 and 10 hours to complete the application.

To complete your application, you will need to upload

- ✓ One formal essay, a few short responses, and a resume (optional)
- ✓ Financial Aid Award information from the college or university that you plan to attend
- ✓ Your FAFSA Student Aid Report
- ✓ The names and contact details of at least two recommenders.

**Regular Deadline – 12 noon, May 2, 2022.** Applicants will be notified of decisions in late June.

**Early Response Deadline – 12 noon April 4, 2022.** Available only to high school students who have the financial aid information from the college they prefer to attend. The first 400 students to submit an application before April 4<sup>th</sup> will receive a decision before the common reply date of May 1st.

**2021 Student W-2 Form(s) and 2020 Parent Tax Forms** may be requested later in the process.

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