

SR. CORA LEE MIDDLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Background: A compassionate and committed nurse and Catholic Sister, Sr. Cora Lee Middleton, SSND, dedicated over 30 years to the Tutwiler Clinic, a rural health clinic located in Tutwiler, Mississippi, as Supervisor and Clinic Coordinator.

In addition to her valuable work at the clinic, Sr. Cora Lee was also a member of the founding Board of the Tutwiler Community Education Center (TCEC) in Tutwiler, MS.

Purpose: The purpose of the Sr. Cora Lee Middleton Scholarship is to assist the recipient in the next step of their education. A strong believer in education Sr. Cora Lee Middleton believes in helping individuals advance opportunities in their life and in their career. This scholarship is established in her name to assist high school graduates of Tallahatchie or Coahoma County high schools in their next education step. It is her conviction that the world can be changed through the transformation of persons and that education can be a foundation for that transformation.

Fund Selection Criteria:

- A.** Funds will be awarded to an applicant who meets the following criteria:
 1. The student will be a member of the graduating class of Tallahatchie or Coahoma County, Mississippi High School, or a continuing student from those high schools.
 2. The student will have been accepted/enrolled full time in a 2-year or 4-year degree program at an accredited college or university.
 3. The student will have a GPA of 2.8 or higher.
 4. Be in good standing at their current high school.
 5. Must demonstrate need for financial assistance. Eligible for Federal Pell Grant.
 6. Provide (1) personal reference from a community leader **and** (1) from school principal or teacher.
 7. Applicant must submit the completed the application and essay by March 31 of the current year. The essay should be typed, single spaced and not to exceed 500 words. A personal interview may be held if needed.
 8. Prior recipients may apply annually. Application and essays for subsequent assistance are required.

B. The administration of the Fund shall be as follows:

1. The maximum award will be \$2,000 and the minimum will be \$1,000.
2. Scholarship award decision will be made by May 1st and applicant will be notified by mail.
3. The recipient(s) shall be selected by the Scholarship Committee. Donors reserve the right to make the award presentation.
4. *The monetary award shall be transmitted by the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi directly to the desired college or university and applied directly to the student's tuition/required fee.*

Application and essay are to be emailed to: scholarshiptallycoah@gmail.com

*****Applications are available through Counselor's office of the high school and the Tutwiler Community Education Center.**