



Princeton Area
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

THE MICHAEL McGARRY SKOWRONEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This two-year scholarship was established in memory of Collingswood High School alumnus Michael Skowronek, who died suddenly of bacterial meningitis on November 12, 1996, while a freshman at Drexel University where he was majoring in management information systems. As a student at Collingswood High, Michael was active in school government, was elected class treasurer in his junior year and class vice president as a senior. He represented his high school in 1995 at Boys State at Rider College, and was beginning to be involved in dormitory government at Drexel when he was stricken. Friends remember Michael as a quiet and courteous young man of good character with an aptitude for computers. His death shocked and saddened both his school and hometown communities.

Michael's parents, with the help of neighbors, friends, and family, established the Michael McGarry Skowronek Memorial Scholarship to provide financial assistance for college study to a graduating senior from Collingswood High School with a record of school service and the fortitude to overcome a learning challenge. The scholarship is a tribute to Michael — his life and his interests — and a reminder both of his untimely death and the tragedy of bacterial meningitis.

The Michael McGarry Skowronek Memorial Scholarship is administered through the Princeton Area Community Foundation.

Award:

One scholarship is awarded yearly to a graduating senior from Collingswood High School. The award is for \$2,500 annually for two years for a total of \$5,000 and is not renewable.

Eligibility:

Any student who graduates from Collingswood High School and is going on to post-secondary education at a college or vocational school.

The award is made on the basis of achievement, character, and financial need. **Preference will be given to students who have overcome a learning challenge and have been active in school and their communities.**

Method of Application, Due Date and Award Notification:

- Obtain application form on-line at www.pacf.org
- Submit the completed application and all required attachments to the Guidance Office, Collingswood High School, 424 Collings Ave, Collingswood, NJ 08108 **by May 1st.**
- **Award notification posted on Community Foundation website (www.pacf.org) on June 1st.**

The scholarship will be mailed directly to the institution where the student is enrolled on July 31.

Be Sure to Include:

- Application form
- Student Aid Report (SAR) generated by FAFSA
- A copy of your financial aid award letter
- A copy of your acceptance letter from college or vocational school
- A personal statement reflecting your goals and community service
- Two letters of recommendation
- High school transcript
- **Please note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.**