

Save the Montagnard People Educational Foundation

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To All Montagnards,

Two scholarship programs are funded by the Save the Montagnard People Educational Foundation (STMPEF). One provides a full tuition scholarship to two-year community colleges. The other provides a partial scholarship for four-year college or university students. As of July 10, 2005 benefits under the second program are being increased. Here is the data on each program.

Two-Year Community College Scholarships

This program has been available since 1988. The STMPEF scholarship is available to any Montagnard who wants to study at any of the 2 year community colleges listed below. The only requirement to receive this scholarship is to have at least one Montagnard parent. The scholarships are gifts and there is no requirement to pay anything back. There is no requirement to belong to any specific Montagnard organization. The scholarship can be used for part-time or full-time study. Currently the scholarship pays for the full tuition but not for books.

Any Montagnard who wants to use the scholarship needs to obtain a letter which will verify that he or she has at least one Montagnard parent. This letter may be from his church's pastor, the Montagnard Dega Association, the Tribal Council, The Montagnard Foundation, or the Montagnard Human Rights Organization. Newly arrived refugees can use the UNHCR documentation to prove ethnicity. The student should take the letter to the financial assistance office of the school he or she wishes to attend. Here are the names and phone numbers of the financial assistance representatives of the various 2 year Community Colleges at which we have programs in place:

--Wake Technical Community College (Raleigh)
Kristen Rivers 919-662-3254 (Raleigh)

--Guilford Technical Community College (Greensboro)
Kathy Tipton 336-334-4822 extension 2891

--Central Piedmont Community College (Charlotte)
Gene Merklein 704-330-6602

--Craven Community College (New Bern)
Kathy Banks 252-683-7216

--Central Carolina Community College (Pittsboro)
Karen Allen 919-642-6495 ext 202

--Edmonds Community College (Seattle)
Michelle Thorsen 425-640-1428

Shoreline Community College (Seattle)
Jennifer at Financial Aid 206-546-4533

Four-Year College and University Scholarships

This program began in 2002. Starting with the fall term 2005, four-year students will be eligible for \$40 per semester hour of course enrollments for each term. In other words, if you enroll for 16 credit hours, you will be eligible for a check for \$640 for the fall semester and be eligible for additional assistance in the spring and /or summer school sessions, and for each subsequent semester in which you are enrolled. For most students, this will more than double the previous scholarship of \$500 per year.

Students at four-year colleges and universities should send their course enrollment confirmation directly to us at:

carljregan@bellsouth.net

E-mail is much preferred as Jeanne and I are traveling and away from home at least 6 months of the year. Regular mail will reach us very slowly, weeks or in some cases months later. If you must contact us by regular mail, our address is:

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Four-year college and university students will receive a check made out directly to them. The money may be used for tuition, books, or living expenses. You are eligible for this scholarship even if you have other financial assistance.

Sincerely,

Carl J. Regan
President