
Date for SWIEF scholarship applications announced

Officials of the Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation have announced that applications for more than 60 scholarships for southwest Iowa students must be submitted to their respective high school counselors by April 1.

The nonprofit Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation, which was founded more than 20 years ago, solicits, awards and manages scholarships to provide the opportunity for interested southwest Iowa students to pursue post secondary education.

"Our organization takes great care to coordinate a fair and equitable selection process to ensure that each scholarship is awarded to a deserving student," said SWIEF President John Paul. "Our ultimate goal is to create an endowment to which benefactors may contribute and from which annual scholarships can be awarded."

A complete list of the scholarships that are administered through the foundation can be found on the foundation's Web

site, swiowaeducationalfoundation.org. While students can apply for more than one scholarship and are encouraged to do so, the foundation does not make multiple awards to the same student.

To ease the burden on students, each applicant must complete a single application packet, with the applicability considered for each scholarship that is indicated on the checklist. Application packages must include a transcript from the student's high school or college.

Applicants' packages must also include two letters of recommendation. Specific scholarships may require additional letters of recommendation or essays from applicants.

All scholarship winners and their building counselors will be notified after April 1.

Paul said a coffee to recognize scholarship award donors, winners and their counselors and principals will be held May 5 at 7:30 a.m. at the New Horizon Presbyterian Church in Council Bluffs.
