

Hilliard/ Cunningham Rules for Governing the Scholarship

Scholarship Committee: The committee is made up of 3 members, no more than 5 members who will decide the recipients. The committee chair will facilitate the review and award process. A new scholarship committee will be selected at each reunion unless the body decides to keep the same committee.

Judging/Evaluation: Applicants who meet ALL requirements will be awarded a scholarship in an amount determined by the committee. This is not a competitive scholarship. The goal is to support and encourage students who have successfully completed High School and who plan to further their education.

Basic Steps in the Process:

- 1 Elect a scholarship committee or confirm that the sitting committee agrees to continue to serve.
- 2 Mail and/or announce via snail or e-mail the availability of Scholarship Applications with Reunion Registration Forms.
- 3 After the deadline, the chair will review applications to ensure that applicants meet the basic requirements.
- 4 The chair will contact scholarship committee members to review the applicants before reunion.

Checklist for the Committee to Review:

- ___ Student has, at least, a 3.0 GPA. (Verified by a school official in writing).
- ___ Student is a descendant of the Hilliard/Cunningham Family
- ___ Student has attended a Hilliard/Cunningham reunion within the last 4 years
- ___ Student submitted a complete Application Packet: (Application Form, One Page Essay, GPA verification letter, copy of letter of acceptance to the university, college or trade school)
- ___ Applicant has been accepted into an educational institution.
- ___ Application and supporting materials received or postmarked no later than: **two Mondays before the reunion.**

- 5 The student will be given the Hilliard/Cunningham Scholarship Award during the upcoming reunion. The awardees are strongly urged to attend, but if, for some reason, they cannot attend, the stipend will be mailed to them.
- 6 The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the committee. The scholarship amount will be based on the funds available, the number of eligible graduates, and any advice provided by family members at the general body meeting.

The committee reserves the right not to grant any scholarships.

Future Scholarship Possibilities: In the future, the committee may vote to grant scholarship funds to college graduates, professional school and graduate school graduates and even other High School Students. This, however, will be determined by the funds available. For now, High School graduates are the priority.

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