

**NOTRE DAME CLUB OF GREATER CINCINNATI
2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM**

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many scholarships are awarded?

A: The number of awards is not predetermined and varies from year to year. Typically, however, the club offers partial scholarships to six to 10 incoming freshmen.

Q: How much are the scholarships worth?

A: **The actual amount of any scholarship offered to a recipient by the Notre Dame Club of Greater Cincinnati will be based on financial need as determined by the University of Notre Dame's Office of Financial Aid.** The actual amount of each partial scholarship also varies from student to student based on several circumstances, including availability of funds, in addition to a student's financial need.

Importantly, per University policy, award amounts can never exceed a student's demonstrated need as defined by the University of Notre Dame's Office of Financial Aid. A club scholarship can replace need-based loans or need-based work-study programs or can be used to close the gap in the rare cases where a student's financial aid package from the University falls short of his/her demonstrated need. If a student selected for a Cincinnati Club award has no demonstrated need according to the University's criteria, the Cincinnati Club will award a small, one-time honorarium.

Because scholarship amounts are tied to a student's need, the amounts awarded are confidential and are not announced publicly. In general, however, over the last few years the awards have ranged from approximately \$500 to a maximum of about \$4,500.

Q: Are club scholarships renewable?

A: Cincinnati Club scholarship awards (other than honoraria) are automatically renewable for all four undergraduate years (five years for students enrolled in the five-year architecture program), but **ONLY** if the student complies with the University's financial aid application requirements each year and to the extent that the student continues to qualify for need-based assistance.

Q: What is the selection process?

A: Applications for the Cincinnati Club Scholarship program must be received by **Wednesday, April 14, 2010**. **NOTE:** In addition, a separate copy of the answers to the Scholarship Questions portion of the Application Form must be e-mailed to james.minutolo@plantemoran.com by **April 14, 2010**. A committee of seven club members will review the applications and select approximately eight to 12 finalists for personal interviews, expected to be scheduled early in the week of April 18, 2010. Award decisions are expected to be communicated to scholarship recipients later that week.

Q: What do you look for?

A: Finalists will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Leadership
- Character/virtue
- Academics
- Extracurricular activities, including school and community involvement and employment

While finalists and scholarship recipients are selected based on these merit-based criteria, the actual amount awarded to a given recipient will take into account (and be limited by) the student's demonstrated need as defined by the University of Notre Dame, as detailed above.