

PURPOSE:

Provide graduating Upton high school seniors an opportunity for a town scholarship or scholarships as either identified by the applicable trust fund or reflective to the awarding agency.

POLICY:

The Board of Selectmen's office will provide to schools or have available, scholarship application for graduating students. Available annually, or as funds allow, will be a maximum of eight scholarships. Awarded will be six, five hundred dollar scholarships funded by the E. W. Risteen Scholarship Fund or Risteen B Welfare Trust Fund and two, two hundred dollar scholarships, one from the Ramsey Trust Fund and one from the Gary Bates Scholarship Fund. As stipulated in the two trust fund documents, the Ramsey Scholarship and the Gary Bates Scholarship, the scholarship will be awarded by the Board of Selectmen to a deserving Upton student furthering their education. The six remaining scholarships will be awarded first to an Upton senior who demonstrates a need and identifies their intent to pursue further education in a municipal or public service field or secondly demonstrates a need and identifies their past involvement in public service activity or activities. Scholarship awards outside these identified criteria's will be at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to the Board of Selectmen, who are the awarding authority, and the graduating high school seniors who apply for the available scholarship / scholarships. Awarding of the scholarship must comply with the intent of the trust document if available. Current trust documents available are the Ramsey Fund which is identified in article 9, of the special town meeting warrant dated October 30, 1989 and the Gary Bates Scholarship Fund as identified in article 29 of the March 11, 1972 town meeting warrant. The E. W. Risteen Scholarship Fund is also an available and identified funding account. No criteria is known within this account

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE:

1. The Board will first confirm that funds are available within all four identified accounts. These accounts are the Risteen B Welfare Fund, E.W. Risteen Scholarship Fund, Gary Bates Scholarship Fund, and the Ernest Ramsey Scholarship Fund. If insufficient funds appear in any account, then the quantity of awards may be decreased accordingly.
2. The Board will then provide information to all town attended schools or make public, information relative to the scholarships.
3. The Board will work with the schools or identify in the public notice a deadline date for application submittal.
4. The Board will review all applications and may award as to the above set criteria.
5. Payment will be provided when the awardees' provide the office evidence of a university invoice as previously stated in their application.

TOWN OF UPTON ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

DEFINITION

Municipal or Public Service is identified as a field which benefits or potentially benefit a state, city or town and their salary usually falls under their respective budget or tax base.

APPROVED BY:

Board of Selectmen, Chair: Kenneth E. Picard _____

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Board of Selectmen: Robert J. Fleming _____

Original date:September 18, 2012

Revised dates: