

Community Foundation Alliance

Policy for Community Scholarship Selection Process

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- A. The trustees of the local foundations of the Alliance will create scholarship selection committees that consist of individuals who are not a close relative of any applicant to be considered, have no significant connection with any applicant to be considered, and either (i) have no significant connection with the Alliance, either past or present or (ii) have a significant connection with the Alliance, either past or present, and, therefore, shall be a non-voting member of the scholarship selection committee.
- B. The scholarship selection committee should include individuals who represent and are familiar with the community, individuals with expertise relevant to the selection process, and individuals who serve as responsible goodwill ambassadors in the community.
- C. Scholarship selection committee members shall follow all local and Alliance established policies and procedures concerning the selection of recipients.
- D. Members of the scholarship selection committee and their close relatives or other persons with whom they have significant connections will be considered disqualified persons and will not be eligible for scholarships for which they are recommending recipients.
- E. If a close relative or other closely connected person of a board member is being recommended by the scholarship selection committee to receive an award, the board member of the local foundation or the Alliance must recuse himself or herself from the deliberation and decision of all recipients for that particular scholarship. The recusal must be documented.
- F. If a scholarship selection committee member is also a member of the local board of trustees or the Community Foundation Alliance Board of Directors, that member must recuse himself or herself from deliberation and voting by the local board of trustees and the Community Foundation Alliance Board of Directors, and the recusal must be documented.
- G. A local board of trustees or the Community Foundation Alliance Board of Directors will have no more than a veto power over scholarship recipient recommendations, and only if the selection committee was found not to have followed legal requirements and established procedures, including, conflict of interest procedures. For purposes of these procedures, the term "close relative" shall include the following:
 - i. Spouse;
 - ii. Brothers or sisters (by whole or half blood);
 - iii. Spouses of brothers or sisters (by whole or half blood);
 - iv. Ancestors;
 - v. Children;
 - vi. Grandchildren;
 - vii. Great grandchildren;
 - viii. Spouses of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; and
 - ix. Any person included in Internal Revenue Service Regulation §53.4958-3(c)(1), as amended from time to time.