

THE ONEIDA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Keystone Community Services announces the availability of scholarships for adult learners who are residents of the West 7th neighborhood of St. Paul. These funds are from money that remained after the closing of the Oneida Education Center that once operated in the West 7th area. Saint Paul Foundation currently provides financial management of the fund.

Between one to three individual grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,500 will be made to those chosen by the selection committee. Grants must be used towards a certificate or degree granting post-secondary education or training program and/or expenses that will enable the adult learner to pursue education or training. Funds will be paid directly to the school or vendors for directly related expenses such as tuition, books, bus passes, child-care, etc. or to the student on a reimbursement basis with appropriate receipts for those expenses.

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA

- 18 years old before September 2023.
- Reside in the West 7th neighborhood (along West 7th Street between downtown St. Paul and Fort Snelling, I-35E and the Mississippi River).
- Must be currently enrolled in a certificate or degree granting post-secondary education program in the year in which the grant is made, undergraduate programs only.
- Have a financial need relating to successful completion of their program.
- Have demonstrated capacity for success in pursuing post-secondary education/training.
- Have clear post-secondary educational/training goals and plans.
- Show demonstrated community service and involvement.
- Special circumstances related to need for assistance will be considered.

NOT ELIGIBLE

- Individuals who do not live in the West 7th area.
- Past Oneida Scholarship recipients
- Staff and Board members of Keystone Community Services and their immediate families.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Grant Application Form
- Two Grant Recommendation Forms (completed by teachers, counselors or employers)
- Most current transcripts post-secondary or high school
- Proof of income

Email <u>info@keystoneservices.org</u> to receive an application form. Completed application materials must be scanned and emailed to Keystone by July 14, 2023 or mailed and postmarked by that date to:

Keystone Community Services
Attn: Oneida Scholarship Committee
2000 St. Anthony Ave
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Email: <u>info@keystoneservices.org</u>