



THE STEPHEN PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013
Postmarked Deadline of May 1, 2012

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund offers renewable, 4-year scholarships to students with financial need who display academic excellence, a commitment to serving others in school, the community or at home, and a strong work ethic. Awards are limited to residents of New England states and range from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

How to Apply

1. Visit www.phillips-scholarship.org for detailed information about applying for the scholarship and to download the application by visiting the *Prospective Applicants* page.
2. Use the financial calculator to be sure that you qualify financially.
3. Complete all parts of the application, which include one formal essay and short, handwritten responses, as well as information about your academics, activities, employment experience and financial need at the college you have chosen to attend.
4. Refer to the Detailed Instructions found on the scholarship website while you are completing the application to answer any questions you may have. You may also email us at staff@spscholars.org.
5. Mail the completed application and the following materials in one packet:
 - Official transcripts for all high school work through first semester, senior year
 - High School Evaluation form and required letter of recommendation from your Guidance Counselor
 - Character and Citizenship Assessment Form from someone who knows you well
 - 2012-2013 Student Aid Report from FAFSA
 - Financial Aid Award Letter from the college/university attending
 - Student's 2011 IRS 1040 tax forms or W2 if no taxes filed
 - Parents' IRS 1040 tax forms
 - Including a resume and additional letters of recommendation is encouraged.
6. Return to the website and complete the Registration Form on the *Prospective Applicants* page. After you complete the form you will receive an email containing your registration number. Please write that number on the top of page one of the application in the appropriate space.

While the application seems daunting to many students, the above information is required in order to accurately select those students who meet the criteria Mrs. Phillips established. Last year, 1,100 students submitted applications, with 151 receiving new awards ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000. These awards are renewable for three additional undergraduate years, and are well worth the diligent work required to complete the application. **In 2011-2012 alone, The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund has given about \$2.7 million to new and renewing students to assist them with their college bills.**

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The Award

- The intent of this award is to enable students to attend college without accumulating burdensome debt.
- Typically, The Phillips Scholarship award ranges from \$3,000 to \$10,000 yearly.
- The award is renewable for up to four undergraduate years providing there is continued financial eligibility and the student maintains the equivalent of a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- All grants must be applied to tuition and fees only and will be paid directly to the institution.
- High school seniors entering college and returning college students attending accredited U.S. colleges or universities fulltime are eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- Awards are limited to students in undergraduate study and to those seeking a first bachelor's degree.
- Applicants must be permanent residents of New England but may attend college anywhere in the United States. Because applicants must be eligible to complete the FAFSA and provide their Student Aid Reports, they must be US citizens or resident aliens.



Stephen Phillips
1907-1971

The Criteria

Academic Excellence and Aptitude for Studies

Applicants should:

- Have a GPA 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
- Be enrolled in a demanding course of study.
- Demonstrate skilled writing ability.

Citizenship, Character and Serious-mindedness

Applicants should:

- Demonstrate a desire to make a meaningful contribution to society both present and future.
- Be involved in a balance of community and school activities.
- Earn money for college expenses through part-time work.
- Pursue goals and aspirations with integrity, resolution, self-discipline and judgment.

Financial Need

Qualifying applicants will have one or more of the following:

- Low EFC from FAFSA's Student Aid Report
- Low to moderate parental adjusted gross income
- Substantial unmet need
- Special financial circumstances

Stephen Phillips was the descendant of a prominent Salem, Massachusetts family actively involved in the merchant sailing ship era of Salem. In the 1840s, shipping activity declined due to larger vessels and the silting up of the Salem harbor. The Phillips family then pursued a new direction in political, philanthropic and educational endeavors. In that spirit, Stephen Phillips served as trustee on various charitable boards, and with loyalty, compassion and generosity, took great interest in the numerous individuals he encountered and befriended.

Stephen's widow, Bessie Wright Phillips, established the Stephen Phillips Memorial Charitable Trust in memory of her husband. Its purpose was to create a substantial scholarship fund to help college students with limited financial resources achieve high academic goals, as well as to maintain a family Federal period museum house in Salem.

From 1991 until her death in 1996, Mrs. Phillips personally delighted in overseeing the awarding of many scholarships.