

Frequently Asked Questions about the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund Michigan State Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood

What is the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund?

The Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund is funded by chapter and individual donations, along with income from a fund held within the P.E.O. Foundation. The balance in the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund as of March 31 is distributed in its entirety every year with no administrative costs.

The Michigan Cottey College and Scholarship Committee and the Michigan State P.E.O. Executive Board are responsible for administering the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund.

How much are the scholarship awards?

The scholarship amounts vary each year depending upon the number of qualified applicants and the balance in the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund on March 31. In recent years, women have received \$2500 to \$7000 per year.

The recipients are both first and second year students who have been accepted and admitted to Cottey. They must have a 2.0 grade point or higher to be eligible.

Where do I find an application and instructions, and how do I know if it is current?

Scholarship applications are mailed in early January to all Michigan students who have been accepted by Cottey and to all current first year Cottey students from Michigan.

Scholarship applications are available from the Chairman of the Michigan Cottey College and Scholarship Committee.

When is the scholarship application deadline?

All applications must be received by the Chairman of the Michigan Cottey College and Scholarship Committee by March 1 prior to enrollment in the fall.

How are the funds distributed to the students?

Scholarship recipients are notified in early April after all applications have been considered. The Financial Aid office at Cottey also receives distribution information for the recipients. The scholarship funds are divided between the fall and spring semesters. The Michigan State P.E.O. Treasurer transfers the scholarship funds to the students' Cottey accounts after confirmation of enrollment in early September for fall semester and early January for spring semester.

What happens when a recipient declines enrollment at Cottey after notification of being a scholarship recipient?

If a scholarship recipient withdraws before funds are transferred in September or January, her scholarship funds are divided equally among the other scholarship recipients.

What is the policy if a student who is a recipient withdraws from Cottey before the end of a semester?

Each applicant for the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship signs a statement on her application about the policy regarding withdrawal. If her withdrawal is on her own initiative prior to the end of a semester, she is required to repay the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund the full amount for that semester only.

Individual and chapter donations make it possible for Michigan students to attend Cottey College. The Michigan Cottey College Scholarship is an essential part of each Michigan student's financial aid package. Thank you for your generous support!