

The Clan Cunningham International

Educational Scholarship Fund Policy Statement

The CCI Educational Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 by Clan Cunningham International, Inc. to promote and foster an enduring relationship between Clan Cunningham and Scotland. The preservation of Scottish traditions, development of ethnic pride and the encouragement of a closer bond between Scots from around the world and Scotland are the basic goals and ideals of the Fund. The primary purpose of the Fund is to grant financial awards to aid members of Clan Cunningham International age 10 years or older who wish to further their education in studies pertaining to Scotland and/or Clan Cunningham, in such areas as, but not limited to: history, culture, music, dance, genealogy, or to undertake any other viable project that will promote Scottish culture and/or Clan Cunningham in all of their manifestations. The granting of all educational scholarship awards will be based on merit and not on financial need. The Fund will always be in full compliance with the CCI Bylaws.

The CCI Educational Fund will be administrated by the CCI Educational Scholarship Fund Committee consisting of three CCI members appointed by the Governing Council at the first Council Meeting following each Triennial meeting. The Committee will elect one of its members to be chairman. The Committee will develop and print an application form. The Committee will call for applications to be submitted by any CCI member who may have such interests whenever there has been sufficient money raised and deposited into the account of this Fund to pay for at least one significant educational scholarship award.

The Committee will determine the deadline that applications must be received. All completed applications received by the deadline will be considered. However, the Committee will not be required to make scholarship awards during a particular year if no applications are received during that year that in their judgment meet the requirements of the program.

When the Committee, after a full review of all applications received selects the one (or ones) that will receive an award (or awards) in an amount(s) determined by the Committee, the Governing Council must then approve each proposed scholarship recipient and his or her educational scholarship award amount by a majority vote before the Committee can give out the award(s).

If there is a conflict of interest between an applicant and a Committee or Council member, that Committee or Council member must withdraw from the proceedings.

The Secretary –Treasurer will keep an accurate accounting of all monies raised, deposited, and awarded by and for the Fund. The Committee will oversee the obtaining of donations to fund the Educational Scholarship Fund. The Committee will give reports of its activities to the Governing Council as needed.

If for any reason the Fund ceases to operate and/or exist in the future by vote of the Governing Council, all funds in its account will be transferred to the general operating fund.

This revised ESF policy was approved by the CCI Governing Council on June 11, 2017 and placed in the CCI Operations Manual and in the Document Section of the CCI Website.