

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR HANNA BOYS CENTER** **GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP AID**

The pursuit of a formal education has always been an essential part and a primary goal of the HBC program, and our students are strongly encouraged to continue their formal education after leaving Hanna. Further formal education for a student may include high school, college and university level education, or a vocational work program.

In 1952 a special fund was established to offer financial assistance to HBC students who want to continue their education. Over the years, HBC has been able to offer financial assistance to hundreds of young men. While donors to the scholarship fund have been very generous, the fund is limited and the number of HBC graduates who are competing for scholarships continues to rise dramatically each year.

Consequently, the following principles were established to guide Father Crews, HBC staff, and the members of the Scholarship Committee in determining the distribution of the available funds. A basic assumption in these guidelines is that each student is ultimately responsible for his own life, and that he will strive to attain his academic goals and, thus, truly value his education.

### **Guiding Principles**

- Underlying all work at HBC is the belief that God Himself has brought each student here in order to receive guidance as he journeys toward adulthood. Hopefully, one of the lessons that every student learns while at Hanna is that struggle and sacrifice are necessary to earn what is most valuable in life. A formal education is one of life's most valuable achievements. Struggle and sacrifice are inevitable in earning it.
- Generally, financial aid will be in the form of a Scholarship or a Grant. A Scholarship is a gift that helps pay for tuition, books, and academic supplies. A Grant is an outright gift of an amount determined by the committee based on financial need as well as past academic and personal performance.
- Living expenses are generally considered responsibility of the student, and will usually be met by contributions from the family, the student's jobs, other scholarships and grants, and student loans.
- Requests for Graduate School aid beyond the Bachelor's Degree are usually excluded from this Scholarship Program. Priority will be given to high school, trade school, and college level work before requests for Graduate School grants are considered.
- The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make special exceptions based on individual situations, as well as the student's performance and goals.
- The school, institute, or vocational training program that the applicant proposes to attend must be compatible with the Catholic values of HBC and must be approved by the Scholarship Committee.
- Each applicant is expected to provide a written proposal outlining needs and goals, and listing all the other pursued avenues of financial assistance such as family, jobs, other scholarships, grants, and student loans.
- The applicant's record while at HBC and the circumstances of his leaving the program will be taken into consideration by the committee when determining his eligibility for financial aid.
- The family of the applicant will usually be required to supply the committee with financial statements that are deemed necessary in order to verify scholarship need.
- Once awarded financial aid, the student will be expected to enroll in twelve units, and maintain an acceptable grade point average. It is the student's responsibility to submit quarter and semester grades and to inform the Scholarship Committee of other activities and accomplishments that would be of interest to the Scholarship Committee.
- Failure to maintain an agreed upon GPA, behavior that discredits HBC or its values, or failure to meet any other requirements of the Scholarship Committee may result in the discontinuation of financial assistance.
- The Scholarship Committee and HBC staff's goal is to help each applicant succeed in pursuing his education, and will offer as much financial assistance as is deemed possible and appropriate.