

50 Promising Youth Legacy Awards



The Skillman Foundation, in partnership with the Coleman A. Young Foundation, will award 50 scholarships up to \$10,000 to 50 promising Detroit-area youth.

APPLICATION



Applications must be returned as a hard copy no later than **Wednesday, June 15, 2011**

Scholarship recipients announced by **Monday, August 1, 2011**

In honor of Skillman's 50th Anniversary, the Foundation is proud to announce the 50 Promising Youth Legacy Awards. Skillman is partnering with the Coleman A. Young Foundation to give 50 awards and scholarships to 50 promising Detroit youth.

The awards will (1) recognize young people as emerging leaders and as a current contributor to making a difference in their community, (2) ensure that Detroit and Southeastern Michigan youth attend and graduate from college, and (3) encourage young leaders to return, serve and contribute to the revitalization of Detroit and the state of Michigan.

To be eligible for the 50 Promising Youth Legacy Awards, youth must be nominated by a nonprofit, community-based, faith-based, social service, or school organization. The criteria for youth are:

- Youth must exhibit extraordinary leadership and a demonstrated commitment to improving the community;
- Youth must demonstrate that they have made a difference in the lives of others through community service, civic engagement or community leadership;
- Youth must reside in either a Skillman Good Neighborhood, any Detroit neighborhood, or any community in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties;
- Youth must be ages 15-20 and college-bound, with a high school or college GPA of 2.5 or greater; and completed the 9th grade for those currently enrolled in high school, or a high school diploma or GED for those currently out of school.

The 50 Promising Youth Legacy Awards include a \$1,000 cash prize and up to \$9,000 in scholarship support over four years for post-secondary education for each selected youth.

To nominate a young person, please complete and return this application on or before June 15, by 5:00 pm to the Coleman A. Young Foundation

The Skillman Foundation and the Coleman A. Young Foundation note that acceptance and participation in the scholarship program are the same for everyone without regard to religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, handicap or sexual preference.

Nominating Organization

Name of Organizaton:	Street Address : <i>(city, state, zip)</i>
Contact: <i>(include Title)</i>	Phone #:
Alternate Phone #:	Fax:
Email Address:	

Please provide, on no more than one page the following information:

1. Briefly describe your organization
2. Describe involvement of youth nominee with your organization
3. Describe evidence of Leadership
4. Explain why your organization chose to nominate this person

Nominee

Name:	Date of Birth:
Address: <i>(city, state, zip)</i>	School Currently Attending/Grade level:
Home Phone #:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Alternate Phone #:	Race: <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific Islander Other _____
Email Address	

Nominee Essay Required

Write an original, typewritten, double-spaced essay, no more than four pages explaining the following:

1. Who are you, what are your leadership abilities and potential?
2. What is your interest in your chosen field of study (if applicable) and the importance of attending college?
3. How will you continue to contribute to Detroit's growth and development after earning your degree?
4. What are your goals for your high school or college experience currently?
5. Please share any information about employment, community and religious activities in which you have participated and received recognition in either high school or college career.

Transcript Required

Submit an official copy of your high school or college transcript

Application Checklist

- Nomination Organization Information** (*data and one page nomination details*)
- Nominee Data**
- Essay** (*no more than four pages*)
- Transcript**

Please submit a hard copy of the application. All supporting materials must be submitted together in one package. Transcripts that must be mailed directly from an academic institution; they will be accepted separately.

The hardcopy must be in on or before Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 5:00 pm. No emails or facsimiles will be accepted. All mail must be in on the due date and time. Postmarked on the 15th but arriving after the date and time will not be accepted.

Deliver or mail to

**The Coleman A. Young Foundation, 2111 Woodward Avenue,
Suite 600, Detroit, MI 48201, Phone 313 962-2200
www.cayf.org**

CERTIFICATION *All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by Skillman or the Coleman A. Young Foundation, I agree to provide proof of the information I have given on this application. I realize that if I do not provide proof when asked, I will not be considered for a scholarship.*

Applicant Signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

About The Skillman Foundation

Created in 1960, The Skillman Foundation is a private grantmaking foundation that is a charitable, tax-exempt organization. Like most private foundations, Skillman does not raise money but uses its resources to support 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

The chief aim of the Foundation's three programs is to help develop good schools and good neighborhoods for children. The Good Schools and Good Neighborhoods programs are the primary focus of the Foundation's grantmaking. The Good Opportunities program is set up to support the Foundation's primary work and to invest in special opportunities that can accomplish significant results for children.

Though we make grants throughout Metropolitan Detroit, the bulk of our grant dollars are spent in six Detroit neighborhoods Brightmoor, Cody Rouge, Osborn, Chadsey Condon, Northend Central Woodward, and Southwest Detroit neighborhoods and on innovative and successful schools throughout the city of Detroit.



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About Coleman A. Young

Coleman A. Young was the Mayor of Detroit for two decades. He established the Coleman A. Young Foundation (CAYF) in 1982. The Mayor left office in 1993. He died four years later. CAYF is a living legacy of the late Mayor's lifetime of work. All of the assets that he earned were left to the Foundation to provide opportunities for future generations in the city that was his life.

Since 1986, the Foundation has awarded more than four million dollars to more than four hundred students. The mission of CAYF is to develop leadership among youth through college scholarships, mentoring and other supports for personal growth and development.

The Foundation also runs the REAL Skills Program (RSP), formerly Post Secondary Readiness Planning Program (PSRP) which prepares students for high school by teaching life skills that make academic concentration and success more likely.



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