

## Don Poier Memorial Scholarship

The Don Poier Memorial Scholarship Program was created in 2006 in honor of the Memphis Grizzlies' legendary broadcaster. Don was the "voice" of the Vancouver Grizzlies from 1995-2001 and then the Memphis Grizzlies from 2001 until his untimely death in January 2005. Don brought a passion for the game that was second to none. He was a treasured member of the Grizzlies, beloved by family, friends, athletes and fans throughout his career, spanning two countries, three decades, dozens of teams, thousands of games and countless sporting events. Don is remembered for his wit, charm, and warmth, but most of all, for his genuine love of family and friends and the game of basketball.

The Don Poier Memorial Scholarship is designed to assist Memphis City Schools students interested in pursuing a degree in journalism and/or broadcasting. One scholarship will be awarded each year. The scholarship would be awarded during the student's second semester of his/ her senior year of high school and would be used towards the student's freshman year of college.

In order to qualify, students must matriculate to an accredited institution of higher education, with the intent to pursue one of the aforementioned degrees.

Students may apply during their senior year of high school. The deadline for applications is April 2, 2012. Please watch our website for an update on the deadline.

In order to qualify, students must have maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA and minimum 17 ACT score.

Memphis City Schools students interested in the program must submit the following:

- ◆ personal statement regarding interest in broadcasting, production, and/or journalism
- ◆ submit the Don Poier Memorial Scholarship Fund application form and required attachments. Applications must be obtained by contacting Vanessa Langston at (901) 722-0032 or [vlangston@cfgm.org](mailto:vlangston@cfgm.org).

The following criteria will be used to evaluate candidates for the Don Poier Memorial Scholarship:

- ◆ excellence in academic performance
- ◆ community involvement and active citizenship
- ◆ personal statement articulating interest in a career in journalism or broadcasting
- ◆ accepted to accredited college, university or post-secondary institution

Scholarship recipients would be entitled to:

- ◆ \$1,500 award to use towards tuition at accredited institution of higher education during student's freshman year
- ◆ invitation to participate in shadow experience with Memphis Grizzlies' broadcast department during the student's freshman year fall, winter or spring break (dates/ times to be determined)
- ◆ recognition as scholarship winner at spring Memphis Grizzlies home game in April 2012
- ◆ dinner with family members, and Poier family upon announcing scholarship award

A complete application includes:

- ◆ completed application form
- ◆ most recent high school or college transcript
- ◆ copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores
- ◆ two current letters of recommendation from teachers, clergy or persons other than family members who are familiar with your skills and abilities
- ◆ personal statement regarding interest in broadcasting, production, and/or journalism (500 words or less)

Amount of Awards in 2009: \$1,500 total

Amount of Awards in 2010: \$1,500 total

Amount of Awards in 2011: \$1,500 total

Range of All Awards: \$1,500 total



Extracurricular, Personal and Volunteer Activities (Including Summer)

Please list your principal extracurricular activities in the order of their interest to you. Include specific events and major accomplishments such as musical instrument played, varsity letters earned, etc. Please complete this section even if you plan to attach a resumé.

Activity Grade Level	Approximate time spent		Positions held, honors won, or letters earned
	Please circle one	Hours/week	
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Please list below the source and amount of any grants or scholarships awarded for the coming school year. Please be sure to list any HOPE Scholarship Funds you will receive.

Name of Grant/Scholarship	Amount
_____	_____
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If any unusual family or personal circumstances will affect your ability to pursue your educational goals, please describe them: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Applicant Certification:**

I (we) affirm the information reported is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I (we) agree that to verify the information reported on this form, I (we) will, on request, provide documentation necessary to verify information reported. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Please include the following attachments (No staples, folders or bound copies please)***

- Personal statement (500 words or less) describing student's interest in broadcasting, production and/or journalism.
- Copy of most recent high school transcript, which must indicate one of the following: cumulative grade point average or class rank
- Copy of SAT and ACT scores, if available
- Two (2) **current** letters of recommendation from teacher, clergy or persons other than family members who are familiar with the applicant's skills and abilities.

**All applications are due in the offices of Community Foundation of Greater Memphis \* Attention: Scholarships \* 1900 Union Avenue \* Memphis, TN 38104, by April 2, 2012. No staples, folders or bound copies please. The Foundation reserves the right to process only those applications found to be complete as of the deadline date. Please contact Vanessa Langston at (901) 722-0032 or vlangston@cgm.org, if you have any questions.**