

# DIETERICH COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S PROMISE FOR A FUTURE

## QUALIFICATIONS & BENEFITS

- Graduate of Dieterich High School
- Resident of Dieterich Community Unit #30 School District (DCUSD)
- Attended eight consecutive years of school at DCUSD for full benefit
- Attendance of less than eight consecutive years and at least four consecutive years at the DCUSD will qualify for pro-rated benefits (7 years=80% benefit, 6 years=60% benefit, 5 years=40% benefit, 4 years=20%)
- Less than four consecutive years of attendance at the DCUSD will not qualify the student for any benefits.
- Must attend a post secondary school that receives state or federal funding
- Must make progress toward a degree or certification
- Must maintain a minimum of a "C" average, GPA 2/4 or 2.5/5
- Full time student status must be maintained (12 or more semester hours per semester)
- Tuition at the benefit level determined by the foundation minus any other grants or scholarships used toward tuition for the duration determined by the foundation (military service or medical necessity is an exception to any consecutive years constraints)
- Funds paid directly to the institute of higher education selected by the student

## QUESTIONS

- Do we care if it is an Illinois college? Or, do we care if it is a junior college? If we set the maximum per semester at a level that they could attend an Illinois college or university, they would merely pay the extra for out of state tuition or obtain other scholarships to go to the higher priced schools. In the case of a junior college we would pay no more than what the tuition cost so they would not reach the maximum.
- If a student no longer qualified, such as getting poor grades, then the next semester there would be no funds available. If they raise their gpa we may want to consider if we will look at their average gpa or that semester gpa.
- We may want to discuss the requirement for continuous enrollment. If for some reason a student was at Dieterich for the first seven years, then due to a divorce, job change or some other reason moved away for the eighth year but came back on the ninth year and stayed what would we do?