

## JOSEPH NORTON SHETERON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### SUMMARY

The purpose of the Joseph Norton Sheteron Memorial Scholarship Fund is to assist students attending school within Cass County. One scholarship is awarded yearly to a student from Cass County entering an accredited post-secondary educational institution the following year and is renewable for three years. Students must have participated in baseball or softball, be recommended by a coach, athletic director, or principal, be enrolled full-time, and have a 3.25 GPA or higher. Applicants are required to submit an essay about baseball or softball that illustrates their “love of the game.” Award determinations are made with the assistance of the Joseph Norton Sheteron Memorial Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship materials are available online on the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation Website at [www.mgcf.org/mgcf-scholarships](http://www.mgcf.org/mgcf-scholarships).

January 15<sup>th</sup> application opens. March 15<sup>th</sup> is the application deadline.

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### BACKGROUND

The Joseph Memorial Fund was established in memory of Joseph Norton Sheteron. Joe lost his life at age 23 in an automobile accident caused by a drunk driver on September 5, 1999. His tragic death made it apparent to his family that they needed to keep the memory of Joe alive, thus establishing a scholarship fund in his name.

This scholarship fund was created to honor Joe's legacy and passion for coaching baseball and educating students within his community by helping students reach their fullest potential and access a college or university of their choice.

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### WHO MAY APPLY?

To be eligible, an applicant must attend school within Cass County, including Dowagiac, Edwardsburg, Marcellus, or Ross Beatty High Schools, demonstrate a love for the game of baseball or softball, and have a minimum GPA of 3.25 or greater. Scholarship applicants must be entering their first year of college in the fall.

Employees of Michigan Gateway Community Foundation and their dependents, members of the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation Board of Trustees and their dependents, as well as members of the Joseph Norton Sheteron Memorial Scholarship Advisory Committee, and their dependents are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

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### WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

- Two letters of recommendation including one from a coach, athletic director, or principal (see [www.mgcf.org/scholarships](http://www.mgcf.org/scholarships) for a tool)
- Personal Statement
- Essay illustrating “Love of the Game” of baseball or softball

- FAFSA (optional)
  - Have a minimum GPA of 3.25 or greater
  - Application or acceptance as a full-time, first-year student at an accredited post-secondary educational certificate/degree program; e.g., a four-year or two-year public/private college.
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#### WHAT ARE THE AWARD CONDITIONS?

- If an award recipient withdraws from the educational institution, the award will be canceled, and the unspent portion, if any, will be returned to the Foundation.
- If a recipient chooses to take a course or series of courses at an educational institution other than the one to which they were originally admitted, or if they wish to transfer to another educational institution, the Scholarship Award will not be forfeited if the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation is notified in advance of such transfer.

#### HOW WILL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PAYMENTS BE MADE?

- Award payments will be made to the Financial Aid Office, or its equivalent, of the educational institution in the name of the educational institution. Payments may be applied toward tuition, or miscellaneous educational expenses as designated in the scholarship agreement. by the recipient.
- Award payments will be made as soon as (1) the recipient has completed the acceptance application including the following information, (2) fall verification, and (3) student ID number
- Awards are subject to state and federal income tax guidelines.

#### ARE AWARDS RENEWABLE?

- The Joseph Norton Sheteron Memorial Scholarship award is renewable for three years.

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

- Apply by completing our general scholarship application at [www.mgcf.org/scholarships](http://www.mgcf.org/scholarships)
- Applications open January 15<sup>th</sup>
- The deadline to apply is March 15<sup>th</sup>

If you need additional information or materials, please contact the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation at (269) 695-3521 or [nmireles@mgcf.org](mailto:nmireles@mgcf.org).

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#### INTERESTED IN MAKING A DONATION TO THIS FUND?

Visit our website and click the Donate button or send a check indicating your gift to "Joseph Norton Sheteron Memorial Scholarship" in the memo:

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