**DR. MICHAEL J. KELLY PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIP**

The CCRES Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial support for students from public school districts and other public and private educational entities serving students from ninth to twelfth grades to offset tuition and/or other costs related to the students’ post-secondary educations and related career preparation opportunities that may occur prior to high school graduation. The Fund may also be used to provide adult education programs as approved by the CCRES Board of Directors (the “Board”), such a licensed practical nursing.

This Fund may be used to provide grants to individuals to enable them to attend post-secondary educational institutions as well as career and technical institutions, specifically schools with a faculty, a student body, and a curriculum, including public or private colleges or universities and

career and technical institutions. Educational/vocational instruction may be provided in person

or online at a qualifying school.

In addition, grants may be used to:

1. support specific instruction in a student’s chosen field or fields of study
- such as licensed practical nursing, cosmetology, and construction technology; and,
2. assist in achieving certification

 - such as paying for exams or special fees for purchase of tools and equipment

associated with a student’s course work or academic program at the qualifying school.

Recipients shall be selected on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis by a committee determined by the school district or educational entity.

Scholarship criteria may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) an applicant’s prior academic or vocational performance or potential;

(b) the performance of each applicant on standardized tests designed to measure a test

 taker’s ability and aptitude for educational or vocational work;

1. recommendations from the instructors of an applicant; and any others who have

knowledge of the applicant’s academic or vocational capabilities;

1. additional biographical information regarding an applicant’s academic and/or vocational career and other relevant experiences, including an applicant’s financial need; and
2. conclusions that may be drawn that represent an applicant’s motivation, character,

ability, or potential.

Scholarship selection criteria may also include an applicant’s school district of attendance, proposed course of study, or evidence of an applicant’s unique vocational, artistic, scientific or other special talent.

Funds will be distributed to recipients’ current school district/educational entities via their Educational Foundations or similar organization. Distribution to recipients shall be via their post- secondary school whenever possible, not directly to the student, unless pre-approved by CCRES.

All grants awarded to students or qualifying schools must be used for the stated purpose. If CCRES learns or believes funds are not being used for the stated purpose, CCRES reserves the right to take all reasonable and appropriate steps to recover the funds.