The Homestay program is currently being re-evaluated.
Please check back later for more information.

Czech Heritage Foundation Scholarship Fund

1. ***Purpose:*** The purpose of this scholarship fund is to provide financial assistance to students of Czech/Slovak heritage who are attending an accredited post-secondary education institution on a full time basis.

2. ***Applicant Requirements:***
   a. The applicant must have Czech/Slovak ancestry
   b. The applicant must have completed a minimum of one year as a full time post secondary student or accumulated at least 28 post secondary credits.
   c. The applicant must be enrolled full time in an accredited post secondary education institution.
   d. Every applicant must complete an application form. The application must be postmarked on or before July 1st of the application year and mailed to:
      Lee Thornbloom, Scholarship Coordinator
      433 Parkland Dr. SE
      Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

3. ***Evaluation Criteria:***
   a. 25% - Academic achievement
   b. 25% - Need
   c. 25% - Support of Czech/Slovak Heritage
   d. 25% - Character and school activities

4. ***Fund Administration by the Scholarship Board:***
   a. The Scholarship Board is composed of members who are appointed by the President of the Czech Heritage Foundation, with approval of the Czech Heritage Foundation. The officers of the Scholarship Board shall include a secretary and treasurer, selected by the scholarship board.
   b. The Scholarship Board will have the authority to determine who shall receive awards. The scholarship may be awarded up to two times to the same individual, once as an undergraduate and once as a graduate student.
   c. The amounts(s) and number of scholarships will be determined by the Scholarship Board. Only interest received from invested funds may be used to establish the amount available for scholarships. This will be a determining factor as to the number of awards and the amount of each award.
   d. The applicants(s) selected to receive a scholarship will be notified of the award and the amount. The funds will be sent at the proper time directly to the recipient(s).
   e. A financial report of the Scholarship Fund and an annual audit will be made at each annual meeting of the Czech Heritage Foundation.

5. ***Recipient Default:*** If a scholarship recipient fails to attend the accredited educational institution listed on the application form or drops out of school during the year, the scholarship funds <u>MUST</u> be returned to the Czech Heritage Foundation Scholarship Board.

Scholarship winners are asked to support the Czech Heritage Foundation in one or more of the following ways:

- Attend a function sponsored by the Czech Heritage Foundation, such as the St. Joseph's Day Dance held in March or the Czech Heritage Foundation Picnic in August.
- Donate a door prize for the St. Joseph's Day Dance
- Participate in the Houby Days festival held in May by working at the information booth or selling Czech Heritage Foundation merchandise.

Application for Czech Heritage Foundation Scholarship

***Name*_____ *Date of Birth*_____**

***Permanent Address*_____**

***City, State, & Zip Code*_____**

***Phone ( ) _____ E-Mail Address*_____**

***Parent/Guardian Name(s)*_____**

***Post Secondary School*_____**

***Address*_____**

***City, State, & Zip Code*_____**

***School Attending Next Year*_____**

***Temporary Address*_____**

***City, State, & Zip Code*_____**

Attach Statements of:

1. *Academic achievement (25%)*
    a. Transcripts of secondary education
    b. Transcripts of post secondary education
2. *Need (25%)*
    a. Description of need for financial assistance to achieve your goals
3. *Support of Czech heritage (25%)*
    a. Description of your activities to support your Czech heritage
    b. List of Czech ancestry
4. *Character and school activities (25%)*
    a. Biographical statement about yourself and chosen course of study
    b. Awards, honors, and offices held
    c. Three (3) character reference letters

Note: If the person receiving a scholarship fails to attend the accredited post secondary institution listed above, or drops out during the school year, the scholarship MUST be returned.

- ***If you have any question or concerns, contact Mrs. Thornbloom at 366-4056.***
- ***Applications along with attachments must be postmarked on or before July 1st.***

I hereby declare my application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and furthermore, I agree to the rules of the Czech Heritage Foundation Scholarship Fund.

***Signature*_____ *Date*_____**