

The Paul Rupprecht Scholarship

of the Minnesota Hungarians

Member of the Hungarian American Coalition and the Communion of Hungarian Friends

The leadership of the Minnesota Hungarians (MH) on the initiative of Edith Lauer, president of the Hungarian American Coalition (HAC) to honor and memory of Paul Rupprecht, established this scholarship fund in 2002.

The official name of the fund is the **Paul Rupprecht Scholarship**.

Dedication to Paul Rupprecht

Paul Rupprecht for many years had been one of the prominent leaders of the Minnesota Hungarians. He worked intelligently and tirelessly, giving his knowledge to Hungarian-American issues. He was a member of the Communion of Hungarian Friends and first liaison of the MH to the HAC. Recognizing his talent and fairness, the Governor of Minnesota appointed him to the "Governor's Commission on Eastern Europe" for special assignment in 1990-1992. Paul had been great help for the Hungarian refugees in 1956 and also helped Hungarian students during their stay and studies.

Purpose of the Scholarship:

- *to fulfill the mission of our organization to promote education and cultural values,
- *to provide financial and humanitarian aid for talented and devoted students,
- *to assist Hungarian and Hungarian-American students in their academic years.

The Scholarship is administered by the Minnesota Hungarians, Inc. according to its constitution and bylaws. The scholarship is funded by charity events organized by the Minnesota Hungarians and through individual donations. The Scholarship Fund is permanently established, subject to the availability of funds and the discretion of the Minnesota Hungarians Board of Directors.

Donations to the **Paul Rupprecht Scholarship** fund can be made payable to Minnesota Hungarians and sent to Erzsi Nemeth treasurer, 1732 Riverside Drive, Shakopee, MN 55379. Checks should include Paul Rupprecht Scholarship in the memo field.

Requirements for Applicants:

A letter of application should be written by the applicant and sent to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Hungarians, Inc., by May 15 of the year the applicant's academic studies will commence. The letter must include the following:

1. Evidence that the applicant has been admitted as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, or other educational institution in the United States or the applicant's country of origin, leading to a degree or certificate in a recognized field of study;
2. A statement of commitment that the scholarship proceeds will be used for educational expenses at the named institution;
3. Academic transcripts of grades and class rank for the most recent two years, demonstrating outstanding academic achievements;
4. Information regarding school and community services and activities;
5. Estimated tuition, supplies, and housing costs, and how applicant intends to pay for them; (OPTIONAL: To be considered for scholarship grants in excess of \$500, the applicant should include a copy of his or her FAFSA application);

6. Two letters of recommendation from unrelated persons regarding the applicant's personal and academic accomplishments. At least one letter must be from a teacher who had the applicant in a class in the last three years;
7. Information regarding the applicant's association with the Minnesota Hungarians, citizenship in Hungary, or membership in ethnic Hungarian communities in Slovakia, Sub-Carpathia, Romania, or Vojvodina (Serbia);
8. A short statement of the applicant's academic and personal goals, and any other information the applicant would like to have considered.

General Conditions

The Paul Rupprecht Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis. The balance in the scholarship fund is reported by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting each November. All aspects of the consideration of applications and award of scholarships will be made by the Board of Directors of Minnesota Hungarians, Inc. The Board of Directors may provide for the selection of award recipients from the completed applications; shall approve any award by the full board; may determine the number of awards, if any; may determine the amount of any award, if any; may reject any and all applicants in its sole discretion; and shall award scholarships limited to the availability of funds. The amount of the scholarship award will generally not exceed \$500 per year.

Students awarded scholarships are eligible to apply for the following year, but their application will be considered along with all other applicants for financial assistance.

Scholarships recipients are asked to provide a copy of their transcript to keep the board of the Minnesota Hungarians informed of their academic progress.

Applications should be sent to:

Ms. Csilla Grauzer

Minnesota Hungarians Inc.

11705 Live Oak Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55305

or e-mail: minnesotahungarians@gmail.com (subject: Paul Rupprecht Scholarship)

In previous years the **Paul Rupprecht Scholarship** was awarded to:

2003: Tyler Thompson, Elk River, MN/ University of North Dakota

2004: Török Annamária, Babes-Bolyai Egyetem, Kolozsvár Erdély

2005: Gábor Jácinta, Szeged, Hungary/ Global Outreach Program, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

2006: Katie Bor, Hugo, MN/ Michigan Technical University, Michigan

We want to continue our help providing opportunity for education and we are asking you to please support the **Paul Rupprecht Scholarship**. We appreciate your donations. The name of supporters will appear in our yearly report.