



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose: A Scholarship for the Children and Grandchildren of MetCom Employees was established in 2018.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include high school seniors, high school graduates or current college students who have earned a minimum 2.5 cumulative high school or college Grade Point Average and plan to enroll full time in an accredited college or in an accredited vocational training program.



Amounts: The Scholarship consists of a total award of \$2,500, shared among up to five applicants, with a minimum of \$500 per applicant depending on the number of applicants.

Source of Funding: This Scholarship program is funded by the generous donations of a Mr. Keith Fairfax, a Metropolitan Commission Board Member. No customer/rate payer's monies are being utilized to establish or supplement the Scholarship. Employees also have the opportunity to personally contribute to the Scholarship fund through payroll deduction.

Program Administration: The program is independently administered through the Business, Education and Community Alliance (BECA). BECA is a local non-profit organization founded in 1989 jointly by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce and Superintendent of Schools.

Scholarship Committee: A Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of 4-5 MetCom employees, was established to ensure that implementation is carried out in a fair and consistent manner, to facilitate communication with the donor, and to act as a liaison between the Commission and BECA.



First Time Recipient: On May 14, 2019 the Business, Education and Community Alliance (BECA) held their 2019 Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. Ms. Dawn Lopez (*pictured at left*) accepted the 1st MetCom Scholarship Award from founding Metropolitan Commissioner Mr. Keith Fairfax on behalf of her daughter Ms. Alyssa Fox, who was taking final exams in her first year at the University of Maryland. She planned to study Government & Politics with a concentration in International Relations.