

Victory Pharmacy of Decatur Inc. created the Victory Pharmacy Scholarship in celebration of its fifth year in business in Decatur in 2004. The scholarship fund is administered in partnership with the Decatur Schools Foundation and The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County.

When Wole Adeoye, R.Ph., the owner of Victory Pharmacy, graduated from St. Louis College of Pharmacy, St. Louis, MO in 1984 there were only two other African Americans who graduated with him out of a class of about 125.

This problem is not only limited to pharmacy but to other healthcare professions nationwide according to an article in the Voice newspaper of November 19, 2003.

This article stated that while African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and American Indians represented more than 25 percent of the U.S. population, they comprise less than 9% of nurses, 6% of physicians, and only 5% of dentists. Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, chairman of the Sullivan Commission on diversity in the healthcare workforce, and former U.S. Secretary of Health in Human Services, expressed his disappointment about the recent decline of minorities in healthcare professions.

Victory Pharmacy believed that a lot could be done to change this disparity in the healthcare professions. One of the opportunities they identified was to create a scholarship program that encourages minority students to pursue pharmacy as their profession of choice.



The Victory Pharmacy Scholarship Fund is a component fund of The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County, administered in partnership with The Decatur Schools Foundation.

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Victory Pharmacy Scholarship

Decatur, Illinois



Pharmacist Wole Adeoye

Guidelines

The Victory Pharmacy Scholarship is available to minority students graduating from Decatur schools.

Purpose

The award is to create a scholarship for a minority senior who plans to attend an accredited college of Pharmacy in the United States.

The Amount

1. An annual award of \$2000 will be made from the fund, and the remaining balance in the fund will be invested to create income for the fund.
2. The annual amount of the award shall be \$1,000 per semester for five to six years. Renewal of scholarship will not be automatic. Recipients will have to compete for the renewal of their scholarship and must maintain a C+ GPA to qualify for renewal. Any one recipient is limited to a total award of \$12,000 over a five to six year period. The Fund will make an award to one recipient per year.

Eligibility

Any minority graduate of a four-year high school as designated above, who has been admitted to an accredited college of Pharmacy in the United States, is eligible for the scholarship.

Applicants must be a Decatur minority demonstrating financial need, in good academic and moral standing, and recipient will maintain a full time student status.

Application Process

Applications shall be on a form developed by The Decatur Schools Foundation. Deadline for applications, to be submitted to the office of The Decatur Schools Foundation, is July 1 of the year prior to the award year.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will be composed of community leaders.

Selection Criteria

The award will be made to a minority student as specified above meeting the following criteria:

- Financial need 50%
- Scholastic Record 30%
- Recommendation 10%
- One Page Essay 10%

Selection Procedure

The selection committee will meet and carefully consider the applications, and together with the knowledge and references for the applicant, letter of admission from any accredited college of pharmacy in the US, most recent high school transcript, and parents' latest income tax forms, they will select a student to receive the award. An individual with a criminal background or a family member of The Victory Pharmacy of Decatur will not be eligible. The selection committee may use any method of selection they desire as long as it encompasses the basic criteria for the selection listed above.

Notification of Recipients

The recipient and their Principal shall be notified in writing by August 1 of the award year.

Distribution of Award Funds

Payment of the \$1000 award will be made to the college the recipient plans to attend each semester to be applied against tuition.

Presentation of Award

The presentation of this award, including an appropriate certificate, may be made at the Honors Assembly or at another activity appropriate to the purpose of the award and consistent with the selection committee's recommendation.

Acknowledgement

The recipient shall communicate annually in writing to The Decatur Schools Foundation as to his/her progress and The Foundation will correspond with one designated person from the Victory Pharmacy and to others as The Decatur Schools Foundation considers appropriate.

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