



CFY/SPC Scholarship Sponsor Narrative 2027

The **CFY/SPC Scholarship Program** is a partnership between CFY and **St. Petersburg College (SPC)**, built on a shared commitment to expanding educational opportunities for Pinellas County students. The program supports graduating Pinellas County high school seniors who plan to attend SPC, with consideration given to financial need and participation in CFY-supported programs during their youth.

At CFY, we believe that participation in youth sports and enrichment programs helps build confidence, leadership, teamwork, and other life skills that prepare young people to become engaged members of our community. Each year, CFY helps thousands of Pinellas County children access community-based youth programs through financial assistance and strategic partnerships.

Since 2013, CFY's Richard O. Jacobson Education Program has awarded nearly \$2.5 million in scholarships to almost 400 graduating seniors, making educational support one of the organization's largest areas of investment and representing approximately 23% of CFY's annual giving.

The CFY/SPC Scholarship Program is designed exclusively for students pursuing a **two-year associate degree** at St. Petersburg College. As a **last-dollar scholarship**, it covers eligible tuition, required fees, and books after all eligible financial aid have been applied. Scholarship funds are paid directly to St. Petersburg College and are **not transferable** to another institution.

Scholarship recipients are selected through a holistic review process. While academic achievement and financial need are important, consideration is also given to how applicants demonstrate the values that reflect the mission of CFY and the priorities of the scholarship's community sponsors.

- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by the Toronto/Dunedin Blue Jays)** - Longtime CFY supporters, the **Toronto/Dunedin Blue Jays** established this scholarship to recognize a graduating Pinellas County high school senior who has participated in a bat-and-ball sport, with preference given to students from Dunedin High School.



This scholarship celebrates student-athletes who embody the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and service. Applicants should demonstrate what it means to be a great teammate by giving their best effort every day, supporting those around them, and making a positive impact both on the field and in their community.

- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by Dawn Daugherty)** - A longtime advocate for youth sports and educational opportunities, as well as a CFY Education Committee Co-Chair, **Dawn Daugherty** established this scholarship to help a graduating Pinellas County high school senior pursue their higher education goals.



This scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates financial need, a strong work ethic, and an inspiring commitment to achieving their goals. It recognizes students whose perseverance,

determination, and character reflect the values of hard work and service while helping provide greater access to higher education.

- ★ **Ken Hamilton Memorial CFY/SPC Scholarship Sponsored by the Hamilton Family** - The **Ken Hamilton** Scholarship honors the legacy of **Ken Hamilton**, whose family owned the **Palm Pavilion on Clearwater Beach**, and he served as the longtime President and Managing Partner. He was a dedicated supporter of CFY. Through both his personal generosity and professional leadership, Mr. Hamilton demonstrated an unwavering commitment to creating opportunities for young people and strengthening the community through youth sports and the arts.



This scholarship is awarded to a graduating Pinellas County high school senior who exemplifies these same values. Preference is given to students who consistently demonstrate perseverance, a strong work ethic, outstanding character, and a commitment to giving their best both in the classroom athletic, the arts and in their community.

- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by Single Source Insurance)** - Longtime CFY supporters, **Single Source Insurance and the Railey family**, are proud to invest in the future of Pinellas County students through this scholarship opportunity. Their goal is to support a graduating Pinellas County high school senior as they pursue higher education by providing meaningful financial assistance that can create a lasting impact on their educational journey.



Single Source Insurance owners Zach, Paige, and Brooke Railey believe in giving back to the community that has supported their family. As **Olympic athletes** who proudly represented the United States and Pinellas County, Zach and Paige understand the value of dedication, perseverance, teamwork, and striving for excellence. Through this scholarship, they hope to recognize and support a student who embodies these same qualities while pursuing their academic and personal goals.

- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival)** - Through a meaningful partnership with CFY, the **Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival** is proud to invest in the future of Pinellas County by supporting a graduating high school senior as they pursue higher education.



Funded through a portion of the proceeds from the **annual Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival**, held each spring on Clearwater Beach, this scholarship reflects a shared commitment to creating opportunities for local students. The award is designed to help reduce financial barriers and support students as they take the next step toward achieving their academic, career, and personal aspirations.

- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by Nextiny Marketing)** - Through a partnership with **Nextiny Marketing**, this scholarship is awarded to a graduating Pinellas County high school senior for whom this opportunity will make a meaningful difference in pursuing their post-secondary education at St. Petersburg College.



The scholarship recognizes a student with the determination to continue their education and helps remove financial barriers so they can confidently take the next step toward achieving their academic and career goals.

- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by the Pinellas Park Police Department)** - Through the generous support of the **City of Pinellas Park** and the **Pinellas Park Police Department**, this scholarship is awarded to a graduating Pinellas County high school senior who demonstrates financial need and for whom this opportunity will make a meaningful impact on their educational journey.



Preference is given to students graduating from **Pinellas Park High School**. The scholarship recognizes students who are committed to continuing their education and becoming engaged, productive members of their communities by helping reduce the financial barriers to achieving their goals.

- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by the Crawford Ker Foundation Trust)** - Former **Dallas Cowboys** player and **Dunedin High School** alumnus **Crawford Ker** established this scholarship to support a graduating **Dunedin High School** seniors as they pursue their post-secondary education.

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This scholarship is intended for a students who demonstrates financial need and the determination to achieve their educational goals. By helping reduce the financial barriers to higher education, the scholarship reflects Mr. Ker's commitment to giving back to his alma mater and investing in the success of future generations of **Dunedin** students.

- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by George and Carolyn Cretekos)** - Throughout more than 50 years of public service, including serving as an aide to Congressman C.W. Bill Young, a member of the Clearwater City Council, and Mayor of Clearwater: **George Cretekos**, alongside his wife, **Carolyn**, has been a dedicated advocate for the youth of Pinellas County.

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Inspired by CFY's mission to remove barriers to opportunity, the Cretekos family believes that participation in sports helps young people develop teamwork, integrity, perseverance, and a commitment to giving their best both on and off the field.

As part of the application, students should describe the impact that CFY and youth sports have had on their lives and explain how receiving this scholarship will help them achieve their educational and career goals.

- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by EventPipe)** – **EventPipe** is proud to sponsor this scholarship in support of a graduating Pinellas County high school senior who has demonstrated dedication, passion, and excellence in the sport of softball.



This scholarship recognizes more than athletic achievement; it celebrates the values of commitment, teamwork, perseverance, and leadership developed through the game. By investing in a deserving student-athlete, **EventPipe** aims to help remove financial barriers and support the recipient as they pursue their post-secondary education and future goals.



- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by Ragnar Series/Ragnar Events)** - Through a unique partnership with **Ragnar Events**, this scholarship helps graduating Pinellas County high school seniors take the next step toward achieving their educational goals.



Funded in part by proceeds from the annual **Ragnar Relay Series held in Pinellas County** each fall, these scholarships reflect Ragnar's commitment to investing in the local community and supporting the next generation of leaders.

Applicants should demonstrate how receiving this scholarship will make a meaningful impact on their educational journey and help them achieve their academic and career aspirations.

- ★ **CFY/SPC Scholarship (sponsored by JB Edwards Promotional Marketing)** - Longtime supporters of CFY, **Mike and Sara Harring** have seen firsthand the life-changing impact that educational opportunities can have on young people. Through this scholarship, they are investing in the future of a graduating Pinellas County high school senior who is ready to take the next step toward achieving their educational goals.



This scholarship is intended for a student for whom receiving this award will make a meaningful and lasting difference in their educational journey. Applicants should demonstrate how this opportunity will help them overcome financial barriers and create a pathway to future success.