# Wayne County Commissioner Burton Leland Annual Scholarship

### **Background**

Wayne County Commissioner Burton Leland is a graduate of Mumford High School in Detroit, Michigan. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Wayne State University in 1971 and a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan in 1977.

Burton Leland began his distinguished career as a social worker at the Wayne County Department of Social Services. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1980 and served as a state representative for Michigan until 1998, when he was elected to the Michigan Senate.

Recently elected to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, Burton Leland is committed to continuing his service to the people of the State of Michigan.

### **Donor's Intentions**

It is the intention of the donor to create the Wayne County Commissioner Burton Leland Annual Scholarship with a gift of \$25,000 annually for every year that he holds office as a county commissioner.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education at Wayne State University. This fund is established to assist students in need and those who might not otherwise have an opportunity to obtain a four-year degree. This fund is to provide assistance to students residing in Wayne County, District 7.

# **Terms and Conditions**

Wayne State University accepts the above gift/pledge and will create the Wayne County Commissioner Burton Leland Annual Scholarship.

- 1. Full-time and part-time undergraduate students in any area of study may apply for this award.
- 2. A minimum GPA is not required.
- 3. Applicants must reside in Wayne County, District 7.
- 4. Applicants must demonstrate financial need as defined by the university.
- 5. Awards will be distributed in the amount of \$1,000 annually to as many applicants that qualify, up to 25 awards.
- 6. Recipients may use awards for tuition and other educational expenses.
- 7. Recipients may retain this award provided they continue to meet all criteria in this agreement, but renewal of this award is not automatic. Recipients must reapply and be reevaluated in order to receive a renewal of this award.

- 8. Disbursement of this scholarship by the university is contingent on receipt of the donor's annual gift.
- 9. The Wayne state University Scholarship Committee will select recipients of this scholarship according to university policies and procedures. Committee members will be named at the discretion of the Provost.
- 10. Additional gifts to this scholarship fund may be made at any time.
- 11. Whenever it appears that changing conditions make these provisions no longer applicable, practical or suited to the general purposes stated above, the university will confer with the donor or the donor's representative to secure a modification of the plan. If the university is unable to locate the donor or the donor's representative after reasonable efforts, the university is authorized to use the fund for any other suitable purpose to provide the maximum service to the community through the advancement of higher education.
- 12. Awards will be distributed by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid according to regular university policies and procedures applicable to the school or college. If university policies and procedures in effect for the administration of scholarship funds are changed, these provisions are automatically modified to conform to the changes.
- 13. The university will encourage recipients of the scholarship(s) to communicate their appreciation to the donor or donor representative.
- 14. Wayne State University reserves the right to modify or disregard any selection criteria if it is determined that the criteria are contrary to the law or existing university policy.

# **How to Apply**

To apply for the <u>Wayne County Commissioner Burton Leland Annual Scholarship</u> you must complete the WSU Private Scholarship Application. Please review the information for <u>University-wide Private Scholarships</u> prior to submitting your application.