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Friends of CRLS expands student scholarships

This spring, the Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School will more than double the number of \$1,000 scholarships it will award, from five to 11.



Meklit Gizaw, a recipient of the 2013 First Scholar Award, pictured with her mother and brother.

In addition to offering two First Scholar Awards, available to seniors who will be first in their family to attend a four-year college, and three Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarships, available to seniors who intend to pursue a career in education after college, FOCRLS has expanded its offerings to include the new CRLS Core Values Scholarship, the "It Takes a Village" Scholarship, and three new named scholarships – the Dr. David A. Link Scholarship for the Health Professions, the Mary Francis Monti Scholarship, created by Neil Rosenburg, CHLS class of 1976, to honor his mother, and the Daphne S. Powell Scholarship, created by Coleen Kay, CRLS class of 1988, also to honor her mother.

Two CRLS Core Values Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis, with criteria based upon academic merit, financial need, and an essay on how the student has demonstrated two aspect(s) of the CRLS motto of "Opportunity, Diversity and Respect."

One "It Takes a Village Scholarship" will be awarded, \$500 for freshman year and \$500 for sophomore year, to a student who has financial need, completes an essay, and successfully passes the CRLS Accuplacer Examination, an exam designed to gauge a student's level of college preparedness.

One Dr. David A. Link Scholarship will be awarded to a student of excellent character who demonstrates academic merit, a commitment to social justice, and is interested in pursuing a career in health care.

The Monti and Powell scholarships are targeted to students who have shown improvement over their junior and senior years, with the Powell Scholarship designated for a student of African American descent.

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