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New College Scholarship Supports Immigrants and Educational Attainment

(St. Louis, MO) – A deserving immigrant or immigrant’s child, who is an academically accomplished St. Louis area high school senior specializing in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields, may now apply to receive \$1,000 toward a college program of their choice, through the Larry Carp Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is renewable for four undergraduate years and will be awarded to a local senior who demonstrates academic potential and financial need. Applications are due by April 15, 2014 and should be filed online at <https://stlouisgraduates.academicworks.com/opportunities/340>.

Larry Carp was a diplomat, composer, musician, poet and prominent immigration attorney in St. Louis. His family established the scholarship in his memory after his death in 2012.

The Larry Carp Memorial Scholarship is a program of the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation, which creates and operates scholarship programs that support the educational goals of students from the elementary years through college in the populations most important to the Foundation’s donors. Each year, approximately 500 students receive scholarships, mostly renewable, from almost 40 funds.

“The Carp family wanted to lend support to the immigrant community that Mr. Carp served so passionately during his lifetime,” said Amy Murphy, director of Scholarships and Donor Services for the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation. “Thanks to their generosity, accomplished students with diverse, international backgrounds will be able to further their studies in the important STEM focus areas, while also enriching our community’s history of multicultural achievement.”

Partnering with the Foundation to help spread the word about the availability of the Larry Carp Memorial Scholarship – particularly within the local immigrant community – is the St. Louis Mosaic Project, which is dedicated to fostering regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. Most recently, the organization set a goal for the St. Louis region to be the fastest-growing major metropolitan region for immigrants by 2020.

“This scholarship ensures that Larry Carp’s passions for immigration, technology and music are carried forward,” said Betsy Cohen, St. Louis Mosaic project director.

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