Eligibility: Graduating High School Seniors, Current College/Technical School Students and Graduate Students

To be considered for the stipend, the applicant must

- Be a member of the Creole Heritage Foundation (Family or Student Member)
- Be graduating from high school in the Spring of 2010, or currently enrolled in undergraduate studies at an accredited college, university, or technical school or with plans to attend an accredited college, university or technical school full-time in the fall of 2010
- Have maintained a 2.5 GPA based on 4 high school semesters or 1 most recent completed college semester
- Have scored a 21 or higher on the ACT exam
- Complete application and personal essay

Application Package

All applicants must submit an application package which includes

- A completed application
- A current high school transcript or college transcript
- A copy of his/her official ACT or SAT results
- A list of all involvement in non-profit organizations, community groups and/or social groups.
- Must be able to show awareness of the Creole culture and history and the desire to promote and/or preserve this unique culture.
- A personal essay

Application Deadline

Completed application packages must be submitted no later than May 1, 2010 to:

Creole Heritage Center – P.O. Box 5675
Northwestern State University
350 Sam Sibley Drive
Natchitoches, LA 71457-9953

Incomplete or late application packages will not be considered.
Selection

Each application will be first reviewed by the Creole Heritage Center staff for eligibility and completion of application. All eligible applications will be presented in front of a blind review board comprised of members of the, the Center’s Advisory Board, educators and community leaders. **Five stipend recipients will be selected from this review board.**

Award

The Creole Tuition Initiative Review Board will award a $1,000.00 stipend to the designated recipients. The recipient can use the stipend for any school related or living expenses. The recipient will receive $500 in August for the fall semester and another $500 in January for the spring semester. The checks will be made payable directly to the recipient when proof of registration for that semester has been provided to the Creole Tuition initiative Review Board.

The recipient must complete the fall semester as a full time student (12 semester hours) and maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher in order to receive the funds for the second semester.

Notification

Each applicant will be notified by mail whether or not they have been chosen as the stipend recipient. The stipend recipient will receive notification by June 30, 2010.