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Retired electrician establishes scholarship for Glen Oaks Upward Bound graduates

CENTREVILLE---Glen Oaks Community College students taking part in the Upward Bound program now have a new scholarship opportunity. Ernest R. Graham, a retired Chicago electrician and resident of Three Rivers for the past 26 years, has established an Upward Bound scholarship.

Cynthia Copney, Director of the Upward Bound program, said the purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship support to qualified individuals in the Upward Bound program who will be pursuing an Applied Science in Business or Technology Associate Degree program at Glen Oaks Community College. "The scholarship is to be awarded to talented students committed to Business or Technology who plan to complete a two-year degree or a certificate program at Glen Oaks Community College," explained Copney.

To be eligible students must successfully complete the Upward Bound program designed to prepare qualifying high school students for college. Students must be enrolled full-time at Glen Oaks (12 credit hours or more). Students must be pursuing a business or technical career.

Copney said scholarship preference will be given to St. Joseph County residents from the Upward Bound program. Academic ability, financial circumstances and career goals will be given consideration in the selection of recipients by the Glen Oaks Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Recipients of the Ernest R. Graham Upward Bound Scholarship will be expected to maintain a semester GPA of at least 2.0 while receiving the scholarship. There shall be no limit on the number of scholarships provided the principal is not utilized. The scholarship may be applied to all education related expenses.

Janene Breneman, Executive Director of the GOCC Foundation, said Ernest Graham was raised with the stern understanding from his parents that it's very important to get an education. "Mr. Graham worked as an electrician in the Chicago area until his retirement in 1982. He is involved in community projects as an active member of the Three Rivers Lions Club since 1991, a member of the Carver Center, and as a longtime member of the NAACP," said Breneman.