**Howard D. Colman Scholarship**

*to provide scholarships for students majoring in Engineering, Computer Science, Applied Science or a comparable technology field*

**Applicant must be:**

An individual who is graduating high school senior, residing in Boone or Winnebago County, who will major in Engineering, Computer Science, Applied Science, or a comparable technology field. Applicant must have a GPA of at least 3.5/4.0 and personify the innovative spirit of Howard D. Colman. Applicants may be required to sit for an interview in February prior to the final selection.

First year award is $2,500. Each year, one of four recipients from the prior year will be selected to have their award renewed for up to three additional years, as long as criteria is met. Total award over four years could be as much as $32,500. Recipients must be willing to accept full-time summer internship offers through the Community Foundation and make a good faith effort to return to the Rockford area upon graduation.

**Deadline:** February 1

Howard D. Colman’s career as an inventor and entrepreneur spanned more than half a century of American life. He was one of the most gifted American inventors of the 20th Century, though little recognized in his lifetime and all but forgotten since his death. A scientific prodigy who made his own earliest hand tools and taught himself the fundamentals of mechanics and physics, he solved the last great puzzle of textile automation as a young man and eventually launched a machine building business that dominated the international market.

His experiments in the fields of small motors, temperature controls, textiles, machine tools, and telecommunications earned him 149 U.S. patents and a substantial personal fortune, but practically no other type of popular recognition because of his aversion to publicity.

This scholarship, honoring Howard D. Colman, was established by Ruth Colman Tower, Howard Colman’s oldest daughter. In 1987, Mrs. Tower named the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois the beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust. It was her desire that, upon her death, this trust would endow the Howard D. Colman Memorial Scholarship.

**To apply:** Visit [cfnil.org/scholarships](http://cfnil.org/scholarships) and follow the instructions under “How to Register & Apply”.

When you’re ready, look for the 🌈 Application Portal link to start your application.

CFNIL’s online application will automatically match you to every one of CFNIL’s 90+ scholarships for which you are eligible. CFNIL awards more than $300,000 in scholarships every year. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 1.

**Questions?** Contact Ciara Stahly at 779-210-8209 or cstahly@cfnil.org.

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