

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION EXPANDING THE DONALD R. HOPKINS AND WILLIAM A. COOPER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AND SETTING FOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND FUNDING GUIDANCE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City’s scholarship fund, known as the Donald R. Hopkins and William A. Cooper Scholarship Program (“Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship Program”), was founded in 1989 to assist student-residents in meeting the financial demands of higher education; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2015, the City Commission formalized the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship Program and its administration by enacting Ordinance 2015-02, which formally established the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship Committee (“Scholarship Committee”) pursuant to Article III “Boards, Commissions, Committees”, Division 1, Sec. 2-57 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2015-02, does not set forth the specific eligibility requirements for the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship Program, or reflect Commission discussion that took place at the November 18, 2014 Commission Meeting, regarding how the Program should be funded; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to expand the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship Program to qualified graduate students, and formalize the eligibility requirements for both undergraduate and graduate applicants; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission also desires to adopt, via resolution, funding guidelines for the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship Program is open to both undergraduate and graduate school students who meet certain criteria.

The criteria for the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship for undergraduate students is based on the following eligibility requirements: candidates must reside in the MacFarlane Homestead or Golden Gate community, demonstrate financial need, and have a record of good academic performance. Students must attend a Miami-Dade County high school and have a 2.5 GPA in order to apply. A scholarship recipient’s original award amount may be renewed for up to three additional years,

provided the recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements stated herein and submits proof of same to the City of Coral Gables on an annual basis.

The Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship for graduate students is based on the following eligibility requirements: candidates must reside in the MacFarlane Homestead or Golden Gate community, demonstrate financial need, and have a record of good academic performance. Students must have received the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship for undergraduate students, be enrolled on a full-time basis in a college or university and have a 3.0 GPA in order to apply. A graduate scholarship may be renewed for up to two additional years, in the same amount, provided the recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements stated herein and submits proof of same to the City of Coral Gables on an annual basis.

SECTION 3. That the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship Program funding will start with an initial Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget of \$20,000, to which a contribution of \$5,000 will be added each subsequent budget year. Program expenditures will each year be applied to the available budget. At the end of each budget year, the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship Program balance will be rolled forward to the next budget year. Using these guidelines, the amount that will be available for the start of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 will be \$14,850.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2020.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Keon)

(Yeas: Mena, Fors Jr., Keon, Lago, Valdes-Fauli)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item F-2)



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MAYOR

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