



CROATIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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THE CROATIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND (CSF)

The Croatian Scholarship Fund was established in 1989 as a non-profit organization whose primary mission is to provide financial scholarship aid for young and bright needy students from Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina to attend a university in Croatia and Bosnia & Hercegovina. The Croatian Scholarship Fund maintains an executive board of directors and has approved a new CSF Advisory Board be established to provide leadership and direction for the organization in a coordinative manner. The primary mission of the CSF is to help develop it's most important, its young university students to become future leaders in Croatia in the 21st century.

Since the inception of the CSF scholarship program twenty years ago, 120 students have graduated and have earned a college degree from a university in Croatia. Of particular importance, these students have received degrees in various academic disciplines, including medicine, economics, electrical engineering, physics, natural science, law, philosophy, maritime engineering, pharmacy, political science, theology, and transportation. The CSF is providing scholarships to approximately 50 students currently in the program who receive funding for their education based on criteria established by the CSF Executive Board.

The monetary value of a single scholarship is \$1500 in U. S. currency per year, with a maximum of no more than four years of funding for a single student. Each year the CSF receives several hundred applications from students in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. However, the CSF is only able to accept a limited number each year because of the limited amount of available funding.

The White House and members of the United States Congress and the Republic of Croatia have recognized the CSF for its efforts in helping to provide scholarships for these young and highly dedicated Croatian students. The scholarship program has been well recognized and received by the Croatian community in California and other states as well as in Canada, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. The CSF is pleased to report that its goals are being achieved by helping young Croatian students in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina to pursue an education with the hope that someday they will become future leaders.

The CSF Executive Board of Directors appreciates all the financial and other support provided by our benefactors as well as over one thousand contributors who make donations of various amounts. The CSF program generates \$100,000 annually to fund the scholarships which over 90 percent goes directly to the students in the program. The CSF believes that the scholarship program serves as a model throughout the United States and that the energy and efforts to fund the CSF program is money well invested. We invite those interested to help support these young Croatian students as they prepare to become future leaders of their country in the years ahead.

The CSF Board of Directors will hold its 20th Anniversary Diner Dance Celebration at the Croatian American Cultural Center located in Sacramento California on Saturday, March 13, 2010. The Croatian Ambassador to the United States has agreed to attend along with the Croatian Consul General from Los Angeles and other dignitaries will be attending.

For more information, please contact the CSF office, 31 Mesa Vista Court, San Ramon, California 94583, or telephone (925) 867-3768 or (925) 556-9291 or fax (925) 355-9040. The CSF invites you to visit our website at www.croatianscholarship.org. The CSF thanks everyone for their continued support.

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