Edgar Thompson Foundation Assists Daughters of Railroad Workers

The purpose of the John Edgar Thomson Foundation is to assist daughters of railroad employees who die while in the employ of any railroad in the United States. The Foundation provides limited financial aid through monthly allowances and subsidies for eye examinations, dental care, and certain other health and recreational needs. High school graduates receive monetary gifts to help with extra costs. This supplement to family income is to be used in its entirety for the benefit of the daughters. Whatever grant is accorded, however, usually serves to benefit the entire family.

The Foundation assists the daughters of the deceased by supplementing income and providing benefits. The Foundation does not provide college scholarships. Instead of paying for college, Foundation grants focus on daily living expenses of the grantee's family. Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need and are reviewed annually.

The monthly allowance made under the grant may cover the period from infancy to age 18. Under certain circumstances, the grantee can be covered up to the age of 24 if the grantee pursues a higher educational goal on a full-time basis.

The goal of the Foundation is to assist the surviving family and enable the daughters to mature into responsible individuals. The Foundation encourages each grantee to pursue her education as far as capabilities and interests permit, and to cultivate good health habits in the belief that such encouragement will aid her in achieving a richer, more fulfilling life.

Eligibility is dependent upon the daughter and parent remaining unmarried. The monthly grant, assuming continued eligibility, may cover the period from birth to age 18, or, under certain circumstances, to age 24, to assist the daughter in pursuing a higher educational goal. The size of the grant depends upon the family's financial need. The grant may be terminated at any time if the financial need ceases, or the daughter or surviving parent cannot maintain the eligibility requirements.

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