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Framingham-based retail company announces scholarship program for graduating seniors

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Applications opened today for a high school senior scholarship program now in its fourth year offered by Cumberland Farms, which relocated its headquarters from Canton to Framingham earlier this year.

Eligible 2010 high school graduates bound for college can apply for the company's Believe and Achieve Scholarship program from now through Dec. 15.

The program is open to students who live within 30 miles of any Cumberland Farms retail convenience store - which would include all Framingham residents - and to children of Cumberland Farms employees.

The initiative takes academic performance and a student's financial need into account. The company is aiming repeat the program's offerings from last year and give out around 130 individual \$1,000 scholarships.

"We know how difficult it can be for some students to afford college, that's why we are proud to have a program that can make the cost of college a little bit easier for these families," said Ari Haseotes, President of Cumberland Farms Retail Division in a press release. "The Believe and Achieve scholarship is a way for us to give back to the communities that patronize our stores."

Applications can be submitted online. To apply or learn more about the scholarship program, visit, www.cumberlandfarms.com/doinggood.

Information about the program is also available at Cumberland Farms locations.

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