March 16, 2020

Dear Dolphin Scholarship Family,

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation is currently monitoring all developments from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) concerning the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and we are implementing best practices to minimize the risk of spreading at our facility.

During this time, the DSF office will remain open and the staff will be working remotely much of the time during normal office hours. The most effective way to contact the office during this period is via email at admin@dolphinscholarship.org or info@dolphinscholarship.org.

We are aware that as a precaution to limiting the exposure to the COVID-19 virus, many schools, colleges and universities have closed. Therefore, we have extended the Dolphin Scholarship application deadline to Wednesday, March 18, 2020. We ask that applicants who desire to deliver supporting application materials directly to the foundation deposit the documents through the mail slot at the door, as we are limiting access to DSF office spaces.

Fortunately, these precautions will not impede our 2020 Dolphin scholar selection because this process is performed entirely online by the Scholar Selection Committee. However, several fundraising events have been postponed due to COVID-19 precautionary measures which may negatively impact the number of scholarships that DSF will be able to award in 2020.

As we learn more about COVID-19, it has become clear that we all have a responsibility to do our part to help decrease the spread of this disease. The CDC has advised that older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions are most at risk. Whether or not you fall into this category, chances are likely that you know and love someone who does. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, and CDC guidance says the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

We at the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation greatly appreciate your support of the Dolphin Scholarship Program as we navigate through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Andrew Clark
Executive Director