

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SEEKS APPLICATIONS
FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION GRANTS

Lower Shore schools may apply for \$30,000 in awards

(May 23, 2005) – Schools on Maryland’s Lower Eastern Shore will have an opportunity to prepare grant applications this summer to apply for up to \$30,000 in grants from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore’s Excellence in Education Grants Program. All applications must be submitted by September 9th to be considered for Foundation education awards.

Individual grant amounts will likely range from \$500 to \$5000 and will support public and private schools in the counties of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester. Grants will be awarded to those schools that demonstrate, through innovative and creative programs, a particularly meritorious concern for their students and their communities.

Grants will be awarded during American Education Week in November. Copies of grant guidelines and application forms are available upon request by calling 410-742-9911 or by writing to The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Inc., P.O. Box 152, Salisbury, Maryland 21803-0152. Grant applications are also available on the Foundation’s website: www.cfes.org.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is the leading philanthropic organization for charitable giving for the Maryland lower shore counties of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester. The Foundation is a public charity and has accumulated assets of \$48 million from financial gifts from individuals and businesses, plus earnings from investments.

Gifts to the Community Foundation create permanent endowment funds that steadily grow in value over time and produce income for grants to local charitable nonprofit organizations. In fiscal 2004 the Foundation made 745 grants to the community totaling \$1.9 million.