

# NORTHERN NEW YORK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

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## 2013-2014 FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### *St. Lawrence County Students*

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Applicants must be students in the following **St. Lawrence County school districts**:

Canton	Hammond	Lisbon	Norwood-Norfolk
Colton-Pierrepont	Harrisville	Madrid-Waddington	Ogdensburg
Edwards-Knox	Hermon-DeKalb	Massena	Parishville-Hopkinton
Gouverneur	Heuvelton	Morristown	Potsdam
			St. Lawrence Central
- Applications are accepted from **high school seniors** who will be **full-time** college students.
- Students who will be attending **technical** schools are eligible to apply.
- Selection is based upon **academic achievement** and **personal data**. Any unusual hardships and special family or personal circumstances should be described in the application.
- **One-year Community Foundation Scholarships of up to \$2,000** will be awarded to selected St. Lawrence County students. The actual amount is based upon **unmet financial need as determined by the student's college**.
- Students selected for a freshman scholarship who have **no unmet financial need** will receive a **one-time merit award of \$500**.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all materials completely so that you understand what is available, the criteria, and what is expected of you. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Complete the **application** (page 3) and **personal data sheet** (page 4).
- Give the **applicant appraisal forms** (page 5 and 6) to two people at your school. Please note that **you** are responsible for making sure that they complete and return them to the Foundation by **April 1, 2013**.
- Write your **essay**, answering the questions listed on the first page of the application, and include it with your application.
- Request that your **school** send the Foundation an **official transcript** of your grades to date.
- Proofread your application and check it for completion. Mail or hand-deliver your application, including your essay, to the Foundation at the address listed above.

***Freshman applications must be received or postmarked by April 1, 2013.***

Applications postmarked after that date will not be considered.

*Notification of decisions will be mailed to all applicants by August 1, 2013.*

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**Scholarship Requirements and Criteria**

**Freshman Applicants (Full-Time):**

*High School Seniors for College Freshman Year ~ St. Lawrence County*

**Selection Criteria**

Regents Scores	SAT or ACT Scores	Cumulative GPA	Rank In Class	Personal Data & Essay	Applicant Appraisals
30%	20%	10%	10%	20%	10%

- Regents scores, SAT or ACT scores, cumulative GPA, rank in class, personal data and essay scores, and applicant appraisals are entered into a database to produce a numerical ranking of all applicants.
- Scholarship selections are made on the basis of this ranking.
- Interviews may be required when there is no appreciable difference in scores.
- **Amount of award is based on unmet financial need** as determined by your college.
- Students selected for a freshman scholarship who have **no unmet financial need** will receive a **one-time merit award of \$500**.

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***Full Time Freshman Scholarship Application***  
*(For St. Lawrence County High School Seniors)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in an early graduation program? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

College Attending in Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Expected  
(or applied to) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about our scholarship program? \_\_\_\_\_

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**On a separate sheet of paper, please write one essay answering both questions in a minimum of 150 words (worth 10 points, with a 2 point bonus for unusual thoughtfulness and creativity; proofread carefully – points are deducted for grammatical errors):**

Why should the Northern New York Community Foundation invest in your future?  
How will your education help you make a contribution to our community?

**Request that your high school send an official transcript of your academic record to the Northern New York Community Foundation, Inc.** Date Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Optional:* Has one of your parents been awarded a Purple Heart? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
If so, you may be eligible to apply for a Rotary Purple Heart Scholarship.

**Application Deadline: April 1, 2013**

Applications postmarked after that date will not be considered.

*Make sure to complete all 4 pages*

**Personal Data:**

Describe your paid **work experience** during the **past 4 years**. Indicate dates of employment for each job, approximate number of hours worked each week and whether it was a summer job or during school. List total amounts earned at each job. *Employment experience worth 3 points*

Position	Date From (month/yr)	Date To (month/yr)	Hours/Week	Summer job or during school	Amount Earned

If unable to work, give explanation.

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List all **school** activities in which you have participated during the **past 4 years** (e.g. student government, music, sports, etc.). List all **community** activities in which you have participated without pay during the **past 4 years** (e.g. youth club, church work, volunteer work). Note special awards, honors and offices held. *School and community activities worth 7 points*

Activity	No. of Years	Special Awards, Honors, Offices Held

If unable to participate, state reasons.

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*Please explain any unusual hardships, or special family or personal circumstances you would like the scholarship committee to take into consideration when reviewing your application. (use additional pages if needed)*

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In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper to complete any of the above.**

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT APPRAISAL

*To be completed by a high school counselor, advisor, or instructor.*

You have been asked to provide information in support of a scholarship application for

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

*This appraisal is worth a total of 10 points in the scoring for our scholarships –  
a maximum of 8 points for the assessment and 2 points for your comments.*

**Please return this form to the Northern New York Community Foundation by April 1, 2013.**

ASSESSMENT (8 points max.)	(1 pt. each)	(.5 pt. each)	(0 pts.)	(0 pts.)
The applicant's choice of a post secondary education program is	Extremely appropriate ____	Very appropriate ____	Moderately appropriate ____	Inappropriate ____
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	Extremely well ____	Very well ____	Moderately well ____	Not well ____
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	Excellent ____	Good ____	Fair ____	Poor ____
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school & community	Excellent ____	Good ____	Fair ____	Poor ____
The applicant is able to seek, find and use learning resources	Extremely well ____	Very well ____	Moderately well ____	Not well ____
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	Extremely well ____	Very well ____	Moderately well ____	Not well ____
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through and completes tasks.	Extremely well ____	Very well ____	Moderately well ____	Not well ____
The applicant's respect for self and others is	Excellent ____	Good ____	Fair ____	Poor ____

**COMMENTS** (2 points) Use back side of sheet if more space is needed.

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Appraiser's Signature and Title \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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