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**NNY Community Foundation Accepting Applications for New JLI Scholarship for  
Jefferson County High School Juniors Until April 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Northern New York Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the new Jefferson Leadership Institute (JLI) Scholarship for high school juniors who reside and attend school in Jefferson County. The application packet will be distributed to each of the 14 school districts in the county and can also be downloaded directly from the Foundation's website [www.nnycf.org](http://www.nnycf.org). Applicants will be evaluated by their commitment to local civic engagement, personal character, and academic potential. Selections will be made on the basis of an application form with five short answers, two recommendations, a certified academic transcript, and a possible interview. Completed applications must be returned to the Foundation or postmarked by no later than April 1, 2013.

Awards will consist of a year of mentorship from JLI alumni that would take place during the recipients' senior year of high school, coupled with a minimum of \$500 in financial assistance for college education. The chance for mentorship from local business and community leaders distinguishes this scholarship from all others available to Jefferson County high school students. At least one scholarship will be awarded every May on an annual basis.

The scholarship was created by the JLI Class of 2013, in partnership with the Foundation, to encourage local civic engagement among Jefferson County youth and foster their return to our community upon completion of their education. "We were motivated to make a positive, lasting impact on both micro and macro levels when deciding on our class project," says JLI participant Elizabeth C. Quencer. "We are confident that this unique scholarship we have designed will accomplish this. Our team has worked tirelessly to see this project come to fruition, and we are on track to meet our goal of raising enough money to award multiple \$1,000 scholarships this year." Adds Foundation executive director Rande S. Richardson, "Several JLI alumni have demonstrated their leadership by making meaningful initial gift to help launch this endeavor. Many have also responded very favorably to the opportunity to help mentor and guide others as part of their gift. These things combined have the potential to be a very positive force in the years to come. There is more yet to do. The possibilities are only limited by the generosity of time and talent from those who have benefitted from the JLI experience."

The Foundation is accepting tax-deductible donations for the JLI scholarship. Checks can be made payable to the Northern New York Community Foundation and sent to the Foundation's office at 120 Washington St., Suite 400, Watertown, NY 13601. "JLI Scholarship" should be written on the memo line.

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