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2014-2015 Community Foundation Scholarships Available

The Northern New York Community Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications from residents of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. Jefferson and Lewis County scholarships are for full-time undergraduate students entering freshman year of college or technical school, and for non-traditional, part-time or full-time, undergraduate students in any year of college or technical school. In St. Lawrence County, the Foundation will award one-year freshman scholarships to students in all St. Lawrence County school districts.

Applications can be downloaded and printed from the Foundation's website, www.nnycf.org, and are also available at high school guidance offices. Completed applications must be returned to the Foundation, or postmarked, by April 1, 2014. The application deadline for non-traditional students has been extended to June 2, 2014. No applications will be accepted after these dates for any reason.

Scholarship amounts for Jefferson and Lewis County students are based on unmet financial need as determined by the student's college and could total \$12,000 over four years for freshman and varying amounts for non-traditional students depending on need. Freshman awards to St. Lawrence County students will be up to \$2,000 for one year based upon unmet financial need as determined by the student's college. Students selected for a scholarship who have no unmet financial need will receive a one-time merit award of \$500.

Last year the Foundation awarded 380 awards totaling \$701,822 to 304 students. Since 1980 the Foundation has awarded more than \$11.8 million in scholarships.

Scholarships are available from three main programs administered by the Foundation; Northern New York Community Foundation Scholarships are awarded to students in liberal arts; Herring College Memorial Scholarships are awarded to students in engineering, sciences, mathematics, and related fields;

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and the Visiting Nurse Association Scholarships are awarded to students in nursing and health related fields. In addition to the three main Foundation scholarship programs, students may apply to a variety of designated school scholarships.

Beginning this year the Foundation will administer the Jefferson-Can Scholars Program; a merit-based program that provides first year tuition to students, in the top 15% of their class, attending high schools in Jefferson or Lewis Counties who plan to attend Jefferson Community College this fall. The program is a partnership with the Jefferson Community College Foundation, and JCC alumnus Stephen H. Can, Class of 1980.

Through a new collaboration, the Foundation will also administer the Thousand Islands Foundation (TIF) scholarship program. TIF has awarded over \$250,000 for Thousand Islands area students and graduates of Alexandria, LaFargeville, Lyme and Thousand Islands Central schools since 2002. Scholarships include the Clayton Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship, Grindstone Island Research and Heritage Center Scholarship, Keith Brabant Music Scholarship, Lechler Scholarship and Seaway Trail Scholarship. In addition to their general scholarship program, several other named scholarships are available each year.

The Foundation awards the Rotary Purple Heart Scholarship to residents of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties who have been awarded the Purple Heart or to their dependents (spouse or child). Applicants for this scholarship may be in any year of full-time undergraduate study. Applications are accepted throughout the year until all funds available for the academic year are awarded.

The Fort Drum Chapter of the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division, Inc. has established the 10th Mountain Division (Light) Scholarship for current or former 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) members or the family member of one (spouse or child). Applications are available online at the Foundation's web site, www.nnycf.org or from Fort Drum's Army Education Center, 315-772-8580. The applicant or their military sponsor must also be a member of the 10th Mountain Division Association.

The Northern New York Community Foundation, Inc. manages and administers a permanent endowment and funds for the benefit of the community. Guided by a board of community leaders, the Foundation makes grants to support the work of non-profit organizations and provides scholarships to individuals in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties.

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