



# 2018 JEFFERSON LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP



## The Scholarship

The Jefferson Leadership Institute (JLI), in partnership with the Northern New York Community Foundation, offers a unique scholarship opportunity for high school juniors in Jefferson County. A minimum of three scholarships will be awarded in the spring of each year. Each scholarship will consist of a minimum of \$1,000 in financial assistance for post-secondary education as well as mentorship from one or more alumni of the JLI program. The financial award will be disbursed upon receipt of a statement from the recipient(s)' college or university for tuition, room and board, or textbooks/required equipment. The mentorship would take place over the course of the recipient(s)' senior year of high school. Each recipient would be paired with one or more mentor(s) based on his or her expressed interests and the mentor(s)' availability. The chance for mentorship from local business and community leaders distinguishes this scholarship from all others available to Jefferson County students. Participation in the mentorship would serve as a great resume builder for the recipient(s) and would provide valuable contacts and guidance for the recipient(s)' future education and career. The scholarship was created by the JLI Class of 2013 to encourage local civic engagement among Jefferson County youth and foster their return to our community upon completion of their education.

## Qualifications

- Applicants must be residents of Jefferson County.
- Applicants must be high school students in eleventh grade.
- Applicants must physically attend school in Jefferson County during both eleventh and twelfth grades.
- Public, parochial, and home school students are eligible.
- Applicants must enroll in a full-time accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States or Canada in the year immediately following high school graduation. (A deferment of up to one year may be granted subject to the discretion of the selection committee.)
- Applications must be received or postmarked by April 1, 2018. Applications postmarked after that date will not be considered.

## Selection Criteria

- Applicants will be evaluated by and selected in accordance with the following criteria:
  - Demonstrated history of and commitment to local civic engagement and community service;
  - Personal character; and
  - Academic potential.
- Scholarship selections are made on the basis of:
  - Completed *Jefferson Leadership Institute Scholarship Application Form* (attached);
  - Civic engagement recommendation (form attached);
  - Academic recommendation (form attached);
  - Certified academic transcript; and
  - In-person interview (at the discretion of the selection committee).
- Recipient(s) will be selected by a committee of five current and/or past participants of the JLI program.

ANY APPLICATION MAILED AFTER APRIL 1 WILL BE NOT BE CONSIDERED



## 2018 JEFFERSON LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM



### Instructions

- Complete the attached *Jefferson Leadership Institute Scholarship Application Form*.
- Detach the attached *Civic Engagement Recommendation Form* and provide it to an adult who can speak to your history of and commitment to civic engagement and community service as well as your personal character.
- Detach the attached *Academic Recommendation Form* and provide it to an adult who can speak to your academic potential and personal character. Your civic engagement and academic recommenders must be two different individuals.
- Include a copy of your certified academic transcript to the following address:  
Northern New York Community Foundation  
131 Washington Street  
Watertown, NY 13601  
ATTN: JLI Scholarship
- Mail your completed application and two recommendation forms to the NNYCF above address before **April 1, 2018**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

High School in Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How You Heard About This Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your most important extracurricular or community activities/organizations (maximum of 5) and mention any leadership positions that you have held:

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Please thoroughly answer each of the five short essay prompts in the space allotted in less than 250 words.

1. What do you consider to be your most important local community service accomplishment to date and why?

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2. Describe your favorite aspect about living in Jefferson County.

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3. If you could change one thing about Jefferson County life, what would it be and how might you go about making that change?

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4. Who or what inspires you? Why?

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5. What interests you academically? Why?

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Name of civic engagement recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of academic recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*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: \_\_\_\_\_