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**North Country Council of Social Agencies Partners with the  
Community Foundation to Provide Scholarship**

The North Country Council of Social Agencies has established a new scholarship with the Northern New York Community Foundation. The Agency created a scholarship endowment at the Foundation for students pursuing a career in the human or social services field. The Northern New York Community Foundation approved a matching grant of \$2,500 toward the newly established scholarship. The scholarship was established in commemoration of the North Country Council of Social Agencies' 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

“The ability to work with the Northern New York Community Foundation allows us better leverage in reaching our scholarship endowment goal of \$5,000,” states Holly Armstrong, North Country Council of Social Agencies co-president. “Our primary goal is to generate enough funds to allow for a scholarship in perpetuity and the Foundation’s matching grant will help us achieve our goal.”

Students eligible to apply for the scholarship must reside in either Jefferson or Lewis counties; can be studying either part-time or full-time; are at minimum in their third year of study or junior year of college; and have a career goal of working in the human or social services field. Additionally, students who have completed a bachelor’s degree, working toward a master’s in human services will also be considered. Student’s community service hours will be taken into consideration. Students interested in applying for the scholarship will find the 2015-16 application on the Foundation’s website <http://www.nnycf.org/programsavailable15.asp?mm=6>. Application packets are due by June 1, 2015 and are to be mailed to the Foundation, 120 Washington Street, Suite 400, Watertown. Application packets received after June 1<sup>st</sup> will not be considered.

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The overall mission of the North Country Council of Social Agencies is to provide support for all other area non-profits. For over 70 years the Council has fulfilled their mission by providing educational programming, networking opportunities and publications to help strengthen the overall non-profit sector in our region.

“Because of the Council’s mission and overall service to other non-profits this opportunity is a nice fit for the Community Foundation,” states Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation director. “It provides us with a chance to help them reach a level that is meaningful to support a student who may serve one of our local non-profit organizations.”

The Northern New York Community Foundation makes grants to support the work of non-profit organizations and provides scholarships to individuals in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. This work is made possible by donors who have established permanent, charitable funds with the Foundation during their lifetimes or through their wills and have a general, broad and enduring interest in supporting the quality of life in the North Country.

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