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Community Foundation Scholarships Total Over \$11 Million Since 1980

Since 1980, the Northern New York Community Foundation has awarded over \$11.1 million in scholarships, over half of that in the last ten years. Part of the significant increases in scholarship awards in the last decade are attributed to several bequests directed toward education, as well as transfers of funds from scholarship programs at Lowville Academy and Central School, Watertown High School, Beaver River Central School and Sackets Harbor Central School.

“We are tremendously proud that our Foundation has been able to sustain our scholarship program over the years,” comments April Fallon, Coordinator of Partnerships. “Our students, both traditional college students as well as our nontraditional students, are attending over 100 different colleges from New York to California. However, many students will also be attending the variety of colleges the North Country has to offer - we are very delighted with all their accomplishments.”

For the 2012-2013 academic year, the Community Foundation has awarded scholarships totaling \$740,662 to 352 students, an increase from \$682,570 awarded last year to 303 students. The majority of the awards are in the \$2,000 to \$5,000 range. The total includes 86 awards to continuing students in Jefferson and Lewis Counties as well as 23 one-year freshman scholarships to students from St. Lawrence County. Additionally, this year’s recipients include 24 non-traditional students attending programs such as accounting, nursing, education, engineering and culinary arts.

The total does not include the added matching funds from colleges that participate in Scholarship America’s Dollars for Scholars Program, to which the Foundation belongs. For the 2012-13 academic year 24 students receiving a scholarship through the Foundation also received additional funds as a match from their college – in all, this year’s match totaled \$24,750. Among the colleges who participate, and who matched funds for this year’s Foundation scholarship recipients, include: Arcadia University; Cazenovia College; Clarkson University; Hampshire College; Hobart & William Smith Colleges; Houghton College; Johnson & Wales University and Utica College.

The Foundation's scholarship program also includes two designated awards that benefit military students and their families:

- The Rotary Purple Heart Scholarship, a one-year award of \$3,000, is for residents of Jefferson, Lewis or St. Lawrence County who were awarded a Purple Heart, or their dependents (spouse or child).
- The 10th Mountain Division (Light) Scholarship, a one-year award of \$5,000, is for current and former 10th Mountain Division (Light) members and their families (spouse or child). Applicants may reside anywhere and be in any year of full-time undergraduate study.

The Foundation provides scholarships for full-time undergraduate students and non-traditional students at any level of college or technical school. Applications for Foundation scholarships are available in February of each year and are due April 1. More information about the scholarship program is available on the Foundation's web site, www.nnycf.org.

Please note: Attached is a list of scholarship recipients by high school for the 2012-2013 academic year. If you would prefer them in another format, please contact april@nnycf.org.

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