2013-2014 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 the following school districts: Canton, Colton-Pierrepont, Edwards-Knox, Gouverneur, Hammond, Harrisville, Hermon-DeKalb, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Madrid-Waddington, Massena, Morristown, Norwood-Norfolk, Ogdensburg, Parishville-Hopkinton, Potsdam and St. Lawrence Central.

Applications can be downloaded and printed from the Foundation’s website, www.nnycf.org. They are also available at high school guidance offices, the Jefferson Community College financial aid office and from the Foundation office. Completed applications must be returned to the Foundation, or postmarked, by April 1, 2013. New this year, the application deadline for non-traditional students only has been extended to June 1, 2013.

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.

For the 2012-13 academic year, the Foundation awarded $740,662 to 352 students. Since 1980 the Foundation has awarded more than $11 million in scholarships.

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

In addition to the three main scholarship programs students may apply to designated school scholarships offered in Alexandria, Beaver River, Belleville-Henderson, Carthage, Copenhagen, Edwards-Knox, General Brown, Immaculate Heart Central, Indian River, Lowville, Ogdensburg, Sackets Harbor, South Jefferson, South Lewis, Thousand Islands and Watertown school districts. Additionally, students in the towns of Rutland, LeRay, Pamelia and the Village of Black River as well as students living on North Pleasant Street, Watertown, may apply for specific scholarships relative to where they reside.

A student attending one of the following colleges may also apply to the Catherine C. Johnson Scholarship: Clarkson University, Jefferson Community College, St. Lawrence University, SUNY College of Technology at Canton or SUNY Potsdam. Students attending Syracuse University pursuing the field of chemistry may apply to the Charlotte J. Smith scholarship.

The North Country Human Resources Association has established a scholarship for Jefferson and Lewis County students pursuing programs in Human Resource Management, Business Management, Business Administration, Employee Health and Safety, and Labor Relations.

The Foundation also 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 and former 10th Mountain Division (Light) members and their families (spouse or child). Applications are available online at the Foundation’s web site, www.nnychf.org, and from Fort Drum’s Army Education Center, 315-772-8580.
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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