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Northern New York Community Foundation increases scholarship awards by \$20,000 for St. Lawrence County students

The Northern New York Community Foundation continues to accept scholarship applications from residents of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. St. Lawrence County high school seniors are encouraged to apply this year as the amount of funding available to them has increased by \$20,000.

"In light of our expansion into St. Lawrence County, we felt it was extremely important to increase awards available to seniors attending St. Lawrence County high schools," comments Ms. Fallon, coordinator of partnerships for the Foundation. "We awarded 15 one-year scholarships to seniors last year, as well as seven merit awards, and would like to see the oneyear scholarships increase to approximately 25 this year."

Students in the following St. Lawrence County school districts are eligible to apply: 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. St. Lawrence County students will be awarded 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.

Applications can be downloaded and printed from the Foundation's website, <u>www.nnycf.org</u>, and are also available at high school guidance offices and from the Foundation office. Completed applications must be returned to the Foundation, or postmarked, by April 1, 2013.

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.

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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