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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 or junior year at college or technical school, and for non-traditional 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, Clifton-Fine, Colton-Pierrepont, Edwards-Knox, Gouverneur, Hammond, Harrisville, Hermon-DeKalb, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Morristown, Ogdensburg and Potsdam.

Applications can be downloaded and printed from the Foundation's web site, www.nnycf.org. They are also available at high school guidance offices, the Jefferson Community College financial aid office, or the Foundation office, 782-7110. Completed applications must be returned to the Foundation by April 2, 2012.

Scholarship amounts for Jefferson and Lewis County students are based on unmet financial need as determined by the student's college and could total \$16,000 over four years for freshman, \$8,000 over two years for juniors 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 2011-12 academic year, the Foundation awarded \$682,570 to 303 students. Since 1980 the Foundation has awarded more than \$10.4 million in scholarships.

Scholarships are available from four 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, while Visiting Nurse Association Scholarships are awarded to students in nursing and health related fields.

Designated scholarships go to students in specific school districts including Alexandria, Beaver River, Belleville-Henderson, Carthage, Copenhagen, General Brown, Indian River, Lowville, Sackets Harbor, South Jefferson, South Lewis, Thousand Islands, and Watertown; students in the towns of Rutland, LeRay, Pamela and the Village of Black River; and students living on North Pleasant Street, Watertown. The Catherine C. Johnson Scholarship is awarded to students attending one of the following colleges: Clarkson University, Jefferson Community College, St. Lawrence University, SUNY College of Technology at Canton or SUNY Potsdam.

Scholarships for students in particular fields of study include the Charlotte J. Smith Scholarship, for students pursuing chemistry at Syracuse University, and the P.S.G. Plumbing & Heating Scholarship, for students pursuing careers in plumbing, heating and air conditioning.

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. Students should apply to the Foundation using the Foundation's regular scholarship application forms.

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.nnycf.org, and from Fort Drum's Army Education Center, 315-772-8580.

The Foundation is affiliated with Scholarship America's Dollars for Scholars program. Foundation scholarship recipients who attend colleges participating in the Dollars for Scholars matching grant program may be eligible for additional funding from their college. Last year this program added over \$29,000 in scholarship funds to Foundation recipients.

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.