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## **Evergreen STEM Scholarship Opportunity:** \$30,000 Available to Juniors Attending St. Lawrence County High Schools

The Evergreen STEM Scholarship Fund application through the Northern New York Community Foundation is now available to juniors attending high school in St. Lawrence County.

The scholarship was established by Massena natives and Gouverneur residents Charles and Higouhi Owens to inspire high school students to pursue continued studies and careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) areas. The fund will award up to \$30,000 in scholarships this year. Last year, ten students from nine St. Lawrence County high schools each received a \$3,000 scholarship towards their first year in college.

"Because of the generosity of a St. Lawrence County couple, this unique program offers students a jump start on solidifying their plans to enter a career in the STEM fields. Both the donors and we are optimistic that we will see a strong pool of candidates for this year's awards," said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation executive director.

High school juniors from St. Lawrence County schools are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2017. Scholarship recipients are selected over the summer. If recipients plan to continue STEM-related studies upon graduating from high school, those students will receive a one-time, \$3,000 scholarship toward their college education.

The first series of Evergreen STEM Scholarship recipients were recognized at a special reception held last fall at Clarkson University. The students were honored as they continue with their college education majoring in studies such as biology, computer science and engineering.

The Evergreen STEM Scholarship application can be downloaded online at <u>www.nnycf.org</u>. Please contact our office at (315) 782-7110 with any questions.

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