



Northern New York
Community Foundation

Rock Charitable Fund

(A component of the Northern New York Community Foundation)

The Rock Charitable Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation was established in 2019 through a bequest from St. Lawrence County resident and retired Lieutenant Colonel of the United States Army **Marjorie J. Rock**, who passed away in February 2017 at the age of 96.

Ms. Rock grew up in St. Lawrence County and graduated from Heuvelton High School in 1937. In 1941, she graduated from the three-year nursing program at Flower Fifth Avenue School in New York City. The following year, she joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, serving in North Africa and Italy during World War II. After the war, she attended Teachers College at Columbia University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1948 and a Master of Arts in 1950. She spent six years teaching in nursing programs, first as an instructor for Hartford Hospital in Connecticut and later at New York City's Lennox Hill Hospital. She returned to active Army service in 1954 to assist with medical courses for enlisted personnel and helped to establish a medical education system, particularly in the United States, Japan and Germany. She served as a supervisor, chief nurse, instructor and director of an advance medical technician school. Her last overseas duty was in Vietnam. In 1970, she retired from the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and returned to St. Lawrence County, joining her mother in Ogdensburg to help with her care. She earned many honors during her Army service, including the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal. Her only sibling, a brother, was killed in 1944 while piloting a P-47 Thunderbolt plane over Normandy. For the rest of her life, Ms. Rock made St. Lawrence County her home while traveling with friends, caring for others, and assisting her church and other organizations, including the Army Nurse Corps Association and other veterans' groups. She maintained a keen interest in documenting local history and furthering the education of others in the county.

The Community Foundation, in collaboration with a board of advisors, will administer this permanent charitable legacy fund. Grant funding will be awarded annually to qualified organizations whose missions and efforts align with the fund's objectives.

The fund's charitable purpose has three focus areas: for the maintenance and preservation of churches and cemeteries in St. Lawrence County; for the preservation and maintenance of places of legitimate historical significance in the county; and to benefit and/or assist veterans of the United States military who reside in St. Lawrence County for their medical and/or recreational needs. Because of her foresight and thoughtful generosity her desire to support these areas of interest will be perpetuated for generations to come.

General Eligibility and Purposes – 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, churches, cemeteries or government entities may apply in support of one or more of the following:

FOCUS AREAS -

- 1. For the maintenance and preservation of churches and cemeteries located in St. Lawrence County, New York or**
- 2. For the maintenance and preservation of places of legitimate historical significance located in St. Lawrence County, New York or**
- 3. To benefit and/or assist Veterans of the United States Military residing in St. Lawrence County, New York, for their medical and/or recreational needs.**
 - *Any property must be wholly owned by the applicant organization.*
 - *Grants to cemeteries may support the maintenance and preservation of the property as a whole or certain historic or aesthetically significant portions of cemetery. It cannot be used to maintain or preserve specific burial plots, mausoleums or monuments without justification of its particular significance and public benefit.*
 - *Grants in support of Veterans must be made to qualified organizations. Grants cannot be made directly to individuals.*
 - *Requests will not be considered for work commencing prior to December 31, 2020.*
 - *Successful applicants will have up to three (3) years from the date of award to complete the program or project.*

Up to a total of \$100,000 is available for the 2020 application period. Successful applications may receive full or partial funding. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Community Foundation to discuss amounts being requested prior to submission.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please complete this application and attach any supporting documents that will help the selection committee make their decision.

Deadline – Complete grant proposals must be postmarked or received by the Northern New York Community Foundation **no later than September 4, 2020.**

Review Committee – Per Ms. Rock's direction, a board of advisors will review applications and make recommendations to the committees and board of the Northern New York Community Foundation.

Grant Selection and Award – All applicants will be notified by the Northern New York Community Foundation of the status of their grant no later than January 15, 2021.

Project Completion/Grant Report – It is a requirement that grant recipients submit a grant report provided by the Northern New York Community Foundation by the completion of your project, to include documentation of expenses related to the project. An incomplete report or failure to properly execute the project may affect future funding requests.

Please send only completed grant proposals **no later than September 4, 2020** to the Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington Street, Watertown, New York 13601. Proposals may also be submitted via email to kraig@nnycf.org.

Questions/Clarification – Please contact the Kraig Everard, Director of Stewardship and Programs, Northern New York Community Foundation at 315-782-7110, or via email at kraig@nnycf.org.



2020 ROCK CHARITABLE FUND APPLICATION

Legal Name of Organization* _____

Contact Person, Title _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

*Only current 501(c)(3) charitable organizations are eligible (unless a church or governmental entity). Cemeteries must provide other exemption documentation.

Attach to this application:

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

Background – Briefly describe your organization’s history, purpose and population served. Include your mission and vision statements, if applicable.

Verification of Status – Copy of IRS Determination Letter verifying current 501(c)(3) charity status (unless a church or governmental entity). Cemeteries must provide other exemption documentation.

Leadership – Provide names and addresses of current board members and officers as well as your current mission statement.

Organization Finances – Provide a copy of your organization’s most recent budget, and financial statements (profit/loss and balance sheet) from the most recently completed fiscal year.

Past Record of Success – Does your organization have a past record of successfully accomplishing a project(s) similar to this grant? If so, explain.

Other Documentation – Provide other supporting information that you feel will be helpful in the review of your application (letters of support, photographs, articles, printed materials, etc.).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Narrative – Describe the project with enough detail to explain how it supports the charitable objectives and focus areas of the Rock Charitable Fund.

Project Timeline – Provide a general expected timeline with any significant benchmarks. Generally, projects should be completed within 1-3 years from date of grant approval.

Project Budget – Project budget through implementation. Indicate the amount you are requesting from the Rock Charitable Fund. Please identify by major category/itemize any equipment, services, supplies you will purchase through the grant. Detail all sources of funding anticipated towards the project (including organization’s own funds).

Organizational Support – What in-kind services, support and/or labor will your organization contribute to this project beyond this grant?

Collaboration with Others – Will you partner with other organizations? If so, explain how.

I have read and understand the requirements of this application and acknowledge the accuracy of the information provided and that I am duly authorized to act on behalf of the applying organization.

Signature _____

Print _____

Title _____

Date _____

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