



To: Scholarship Administrators
From: Katie McConville, Program Assistant
Re: Community Foundation scholarship applications are ready for graduating applicants as of **November 1, 2023**

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You are receiving this memo because graduating students at your high school are eligible for one or more scholarships administered by the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. Details for the scholarship(s) for which students at your high school are eligible are enclosed. Most applications are accessed online, please see details in the attachments and on our website at communityfund.org/what-we-do/scholarships for instructions to apply. (If you would like a PDF copy of the attachment to upload to your school's scholarship portal, they can be found on the website or email cmm@communityfund.org)

Important Note from Community Foundation Staff:

"General Scholarship Application":

The General Scholarship Application has replaced the 2-step submission with *Eligibility Quiz* and the *General Scholarship*. See next page for details.

Deadlines:

Most applications have the deadline of February 16th, 2024 and all third party uploads (transcripts, reference letters) must be submitted by March 1.

Throughout the winter, the Community Foundation will host virtual scholarship information sessions and webinars. We will email counselors directly noting the availability and schedule of these sessions and encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. If you have any suggestions for how I can improve the system for you and your staff, I can be reached at cmm@communityfund.org or 607-739-3900.

Thank you for your assistance in sharing this information with your students!



Community Foundation Scholarships for High School Students

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE – SUBMIT THE GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

IMPORTANT: IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS BELOW, YOU MUST FIRST SUBMIT THE “GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION” PROCESS. ONCE SUBMITTED, IF THERE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS REQUIRED, YOU WILL GAIN ACCESS TO APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE:

*Need based scholarships require submission of financial information on General Scholarship Application and Family Income Calculation up to 450% of NYS Poverty Guidelines. Symbol of (\$) means preference, but not requirement for Financial Need.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 16, 2024.

ELIGIBLE SCHOOL(S)	SCHOLARSHIP NAME	DESCRIPTION	NEED-BASED*	AMOUNT
High school where a Chemung Canal Trust Company is located	Chemung Canal Trust Company Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of outstanding citizenship and leadership ability. Evidence of strong desire for college education. CCTC Employees and immediate family members are eligible. Not necessarily highest grades. 	\$	\$8,000
Counties: Bradford PA, Chemung NY, Schuylers NY, Steuben NY, Tioga PA, Yates NY	The First Tee of Corning Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diligent student, a good, responsible and concerned citizen 	\$	\$5,800
Graduating from High school in the following counties: Chemung County Tioga, NY County Bradford, PA County Tioga, PA Steuben County Schuylers County Tompkins County	Twin Tiers Youth for Christ Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student must obtain a recommendation from a pastor of a “Christian Church” and complete application materials. <p>Due March 11</p>		\$2,000 (multiple awards given)



Apply on our website at <https://communityfund.org/what-we-do/scholarships/> or use the QR Code to apply
Contact Katie (McConville) Strickler with any questions at cmm@communityfund.org or 607-739-3900

Sign up for text reminders! Text “SCHOLARSHIPS” to 607-301-0999. Standard texting rates may apply*

Carolyn Matthews Memorial Scholarship

The Carolyn Matthews Memorial Scholarship is a \$1,400 scholarship awarded to a high school senior based on his or her involvement with school and community service activities, character and academic record.

Carolyn was an editor at the Star-Gazette and wrote the award winning column, "Coping with Cancer," until her death in 1994 at the age of 29. She participated in community groups set up to help cancer patients cope with their disease.

One student is nominated per eligible school each year by their school counselor. Nominated students are instructed to log in and apply. One winner is chosen from the pool of submissions. You are receiving this insert because your school is eligible.

Special Factors: from the Twin Tiers (only one nominee per school) where the Star Gazette is distributed. **A letter of recommendation from the School Counselor nominating the student must be included with the application.** Nominees should be students who might not be the top scholar in the senior class but who have made a difference in their school, family and community. Past winners include students who have overcome enormous obstacles. Winners also have been students who have not faced personal obstacles but have been innovative and generous in donating time to their school, church and community.

In order to access the application, as the nominating School Counselor, you will instruct the student to apply through the web portal on our website at www.communityfund.org/students. Once logged in, the student must enter the code word "**nomination**" in the top right corner of the page. Once entered, the student will see the application appear.

It is important to note that your nominee is not guaranteed to win the award. One winner is selected from the applicant pool of nominees from all eligible schools. Winners will be contacted via email and school counselors will be notified if their nominee is selected.

This application is due by **February 16, 2024**

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