



**is pleased to announce
THE C. MICHAEL DARCY SCHOLARSHIP - 2012**

The Community Foundation

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The Community Foundation administers a variety of charitable funds. Recognizing the importance of scholarships, especially with decreasing dollars for education at the federal level and increasing educational costs for students, the Foundation is pleased to administer the C. Michael Darcy Scholarship Fund, which is described below.

The C. Michael Darcy Scholarship Fund

C. Michael Darcy was born in New York City. He graduated from Harvard College in 1959, received a Master of Science and Education from Russell Sage in 1967 and his Ed.D. from SUNY Albany in 1973. In 1975/76 on a Fullbright-Hayes Grant, he was a Fullbright scholar, senior researcher and consultant to the Educational Authority in England.

Mike was one of the chief negotiators of the first Schenectady Federation of Teachers contract. It was his intellect and foresight that put in place many of the long-lasting protections and benefits the Schenectady teachers currently enjoy and will continue to benefit from in the future.

Dr. Darcy was an associate director of the Teacher Educational Development Services at SUNY Albany. He was a coordinator for the National Teacher Corps Project. He was a Legislative Liaison for the Empire State Federation of Teachers and PEF. Employed by the New York State Department of Education for 20 years, he drafted policy papers and worked in Bilingual Education, School Supervision, Title 1-Compensatory Education, State Aid, the Regional School Improvement Team, the Office of Elementary, Secondary and Continuing Education, and most recently as a supervisor of Educational Programs. Mike's attention to detail and his analytical skills made him the expert everyone turned to. Mike had a public commitment to free public education for all.

Mike was dedicated to unionism. As a member of the Public Employees Federation, he became a PEF steward, and was elected a Union Trustee. He served as Chair of the PEF-SED labor/management committee statewide.

Throughout his life he retained a spirit of discovery, a quest for knowledge, and an enjoyment of the unlimited diversity of the people and world around him. Mike will be remembered for his honesty and integrity, for his rigorous sense of justice, for his ability to mediate and negotiate objectively and his willingness to take on any job and do it well. He never raised his voice or hand to harm anyone and encouraged everyone to become better at whatever they do.

This scholarship has been established to ease the peripheral expenses of someone who has begun to pursue higher education. It may be used for tuition and fees, books, instructional supplies, living expenses, childcare and/or transportation.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. The candidate must be a New York State employee, **or the child of such employee**, who is a member of a Public Employees Federation (PEF) Region 8;
2. Candidate must be a Grade 18 or less;
3. Candidate must be a matriculated student in an accredited 2-4-year college or university;
4. Candidate could possibly be a G.O.E.R. voucher recipient;
5. Candidate will be required to provide a breakdown of how funds were utilized.

Selection Process:

1. Scholarship applications are due **March 5, 2012**.

Application Procedures:

1. A completed application form must be submitted by **March 5, 2012**.
2. A **\$1,000.00** scholarship will be awarded. This amount will be paid directly to the college at which the scholarship recipient has been accepted or is attending. Award money will be deposited with the college to cover tuition and fees, books, instructional supplies, room, or board.
3. The applicant should complete the application by typing or printing all answers.
4. Part III, an original essay, should be no more than 150 words. If possible, the essay should be typed and double-spaced. The applicant's name should appear on each page.
5. Applications that are not complete will not be eligible for review.
6. Completed applications should be submitted by **March 5, 2012** to:

The C. Michael Darcy Scholarship Fund
c/o The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
Six Tower Place
Albany, New York 12203
(518) 446-9638



The C. Michael Darcy Scholarship Fund – 2012 Application

Part I: Personal Information

Type or print legibly in black ink.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Union Number: _____

List of accredited colleges or universities applicant has applied to, or been accepted in, in order of preference:

College or University

City and State

Part II: Short-answer Questions

Submit a short statement or paragraph answering the following questions. **Limit your statements to the space provided.**

1. How do you feel furthering your education will benefit you? How do you intend to use this scholarship?

2. What is the history of your PEF employment? What are your future plans for PEF employment? How have you been involved in the union? (if you are the child of the union member please ask your parent/guardian for the information)

3. What are your career goals for 5 years from now? 10 years? 15 years?

Please describe any circumstances, financial, personal, academic or other experiences not reflected in your essays or resume that you would like the committee to take into consideration when evaluating your application:

Part III: Essay

Submit an essay of 150 words or less on "The Value of Unions." The essay should be typed, double-spaced and included with the application packet (see Application Procedures).

Signature: _____ Date: _____