



is pleased to announce
Kevin M. Shea Memorial 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 Kevin M. Shea Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is described below.

Kevin M. Shea Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Kevin M. Shea Scholarship was established in 2004 by the Sons of the American Legion Post 1040 in the wake of Kevin's death on January 24th of that year. Kevin was a Charter Member of the SAL 1040 and active in the events planned, hosted and coordinated by them. Kevin died in the line of duty with the Elsmere Fire Company and was Chief of the Company at the time of his death. Many of the Charter Members of the SAL 1040 were also Active or Social members of the Elsmere Fire Company, and envisioned and coordinated the original fundraising event to seed the scholarship as a way of memorializing this friend and leader in the community.

From 2004 to 2009, the SAL 1040 hosted an annual fundraising event in July of each year to assure the scholarship, and while not a formal partner, the Elsmere Fire Company was a strong supporter of these events. In 2009, members of both organizations joined to investigate a means to ensure the perpetuity of the Shea Scholarship, and to highlight this joint effort, the 2010 scholarship was awarded at a Memorial Day service attended by members of both organizations. In 2011, the Elsmere Fire Company and the Sons of the American Legion Post 1040 formally partnered to fund the Kevin M. Shea Scholarship through The Community Foundation of the Greater Capitol Region.

Kevin was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, in the class of 68, and was a student athlete. Kevin was additionally involved in many town-wide events, very active as a community leader, and worked for the Town of Bethlehem as its Director of Code Enforcement. The eligibility requirements have been established to reflect those qualities of Kevin's life.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. The student must be a graduating senior of BCHS.
2. Applicants must be pursuing a two or four year degree.
3. Applicants must demonstrate community service (with preference given to students that participate in local community service activities).
4. Applicants must demonstrate participation in BCHS athletics.
5. Academic achievement and financial need will be considered, but will not serve as a major selection criteria.

Selection Process:

1. All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted to the Community Foundation by **March 5, 2012**.
2. The scholarship recipient will be announced during the BCHS Senior Awards Night.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement:

A total scholarship of **\$750** will be paid directly to the college or university at which the scholarship recipient has been accepted or is attending over two semesters. Award money will be deposited with the college to cover tuition and fees, books, instructional supplies, or living expenses.

Application Procedures:

1. In addition to Parts I and II of the application, the following information is required:
 - The applicant's Educational History, from the first year of high school to the date of application. This must be evidenced by school certificates signed by the proper school authority showing courses taken, the grades received, and the rank of the applicant in the class. Regents marks should be provided when available, as well as the student's ACT and/or SAT scores.
 - A copy of the letter of acceptance from the applicant's college or university should be submitted with the application if possible, or immediately upon receipt of such acceptance. In addition, an official verification of registration will be required for each semester for which a scholarship award is being made.
 - Two letters of endorsement from persons, other than family, who have had an opportunity to personally observe the applicant and who can comment on character, industriousness and purposefulness of the applicant. These letters must be submitted directly to the Community Foundation by the persons writing the letters before the application deadline date.
2. It is suggested that Parts I and II of the application, as well as the Educational History, be submitted as one packet.
3. The applicant should complete Part I of the application by typing or printing all answers.
4. Part II, an original essay, should be no more than 250 words. If possible, the essay should be typed and double-spaced. The applicant's name should appear on each page.
5. The application must be completed in full and submitted by **March 5, 2012**. Applications that are not complete will not be eligible for review.
6. Completed applications should be submitted to:

Kevin M. Shea Memorial Scholarship Fund
c/o The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
Six Tower Place
Albany, NY 12203



Kevin M. Shea Memorial Scholarship

Application Form: PART I

Personal/Educational Information

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

High School(s) attended (ninth through twelfth grades):

| Name of School | Date of Entrance | Grades Attended |
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List of accredited colleges or universities applicant has applied to, or been accepted in, in order of preference:

| Name of College or University | City and State |
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Course of Study Applicant Plans to Pursue: _____

Please describe any circumstances, financial, personal, academic or other experiences that you would like the committee to take into consideration when evaluating your application:

Applicant Activity Profile

Participation in extracurricular or school activities indicating **year(s) involved** and **offices held**

Honors and awards (include special distinctions earned, school or civic):

Civic activities (i.e., member in Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement, etc., and/or religious or community activities that demonstrate a commitment to community service, preference given to local service initiatives):
