



THE LOU RUBIN & IKE COHEN SCHOLARSHIP - 2012

The Community Foundation

The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region is an independent, non-profit, publicly-supported, tax-exempt organization founded in 1968 to meet the existing and future needs of the Capital Region's educational, health, cultural, civic and charitable organizations. The Community Foundation's scope goes beyond social service and welfare; its purpose is to improve the overall quality of life in the Capital Region.

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 Lou Rubin and Ike Cohen Scholarship Fund, which is described below.

The Lou Rubin and Ike Cohen Scholarship Fund

The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region established the Lou Rubin and Ike Cohen Memorial Scholarship Program with a gift from the Bill Baldwin Fund. The Program assists outstanding students in the extended periodical distributor industry family who plan to pursue post-secondary education in college and vocational programs. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited post-secondary institution of the student's choice.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must be high school seniors planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical institute.
2. Applicants must be dependent children of full-time employees of designated periodical wholesaler organizations, and/or national periodical distributors and/or publishers in specified areas east of the Mississippi, with one year of service as of the application deadline date of **March 5, 2012**.

Selection Process:

1. All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted to The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region by **March 5, 2012**.
2. Scholarship recipients will be notified in late April.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement:

1. Two scholarships of **\$2,500** will be paid directly to the college or university 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, or living expenses.

Application Procedures:

1. In addition to Parts I and II of the application, the following information is required:
 - a. **The applicant's Educational History***, from the first year of high school to the date of application. This should be evidenced by school transcripts signed by the proper school authority showing courses taken, grades received, and the rank of the applicant in the class.
 - b. **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 the semester for which a scholarship award is being made.
 - c. **Two letters of endorsement*** from people other than family. Possibilities include: teachers, school counselors, coaches, mentors, employers and activity advisors. Letters should include observations on the character, industriousness and purposefulness of the applicant.

These letters can be submitted with the application packet in sealed envelopes or can be submitted directly to the Community Foundation by the persons writing the letters.
 - d. **A copy of the completed Financial Aid Form (FAFSA)*** as submitted to the applicant's college of choice must be included if the applicant is applying for financial aid. Please be sure to include the "Expected Family Contribution."
2. Parts I and II of the application, as well as the materials listed above, should be submitted to the Community Foundation as one packet.
3. The applicant should complete Part I of the application by typing or printing all answers.
4. Part II (a brief essay) should be no more than 500 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:

Lou Rubin and Ike Cohen Scholarship
c/o The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
Six Tower Place
Albany, NY 12203



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PART I**

Personal/Educational Information

Student's Name:

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| Last | First | M.I. |
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Address:

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| Street | City | State | Zip Code |
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Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Sponsoring Distributor: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

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

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Name of School</i> | <i>Date of Entrance</i> | <i>Grades Attended</i> |
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Expected Graduation Date: _____ Rank in Class _____ Total # in Class _____

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

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Name of College/University</i> | <i>City and State</i> |
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Course of study applicant will 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 – Please attach a resume that includes the following:

- *Civic Activities (activities that demonstrate a commitment to community and social involvement)*
- *Extra-Curricular Activities (athletic teams, music, clubs, etc.)*
- *Honors and Awards Received*
- *Employment/self-employment activities:*

PART II

Your essay, not more than 500 words, should be included with the application packet (see "Application Procedures"). Essay should be typed and double-spaced. The applicant's name should appear on each page. Please answer the following questions:

1. Make a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals. IF APPLICABLE, please include a description of how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school and community activities.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____