



are pleased to announce
The Chamber of Schenectady County's



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 Times Union Communications Scholarship, which is described below.

The Times Union Communications Scholarship

The Chamber of Schenectady County and the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, Inc. are pleased to announce the Times Union Communications Scholarship. The goal to enhance our community's quality of life is twofold:

1. To prepare an educated citizenry for responsible roles within the workforce to strengthen the economic vitality of all communities within our county.
2. To create a corporate citizenship promoting the importance of community service and participation in community affairs.

The Times Union Communications Scholarship will recognize a student whose educational and career goals are committed to those principles. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded to a student entering a two- or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2010 to study in journalism or a communications-related field.

THE CHAMBER OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY

Mission Statement: *To drive a strong business climate throughout Schenectady County.*

THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY CHAMBER FOUNDATION, INC.

Mission Statement: *To create, advocate and nurture business, education and community partnerships, which influence change in the educational system and which address educational and workforce opportunities for students in Schenectady County.*

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a high school senior legally residing and/or studying in Schenectady County
- Applicant must intend to enroll full-time as a matriculated student in a two- or four-year, degree-bearing college or university beginning in the Fall of 2010.
- Applicant must demonstrate an expressed interest in journalism or another communications-related field.
- Completion of several volunteer activities over the course of their high school career. A special consideration will be given to those applicants that have completed projects that focus on literacy-based initiatives with children under the age of 12.

Application Procedure

1. In addition to the *completed* application packet, applicant must submit the following:
 - a. Official high school transcript including attendance record and SAT scores.
 - b. Two letters of recommendation from persons within your school such as a teacher, school administrator or guidance counselor; and one individual from the community other than a family member or relative. The letters should address the merits of your candidacy for this award and comment specifically on your character and abilities. At least one must also address your community service involvement or employment experience. There is a form attached that you may give to the people from whom you request letters.
 - c. A 500-word essay about why you have chosen to pursue a career in journalism or a communications-related industry.
2. The Committee will consider only *completed application packets* received by the Selection Committee by **Thursday, April 15, 2010**.
3. The *completed* application packet is to be mailed to:
Times Union Communications Scholarship
c/o The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
Six Tower Place
Albany, NY 12203

Selection Schedule

- The Committee will begin its review of the application materials in April, 2010.
- The Committee may choose to interview applicants at the Chamber of Schenectady County, 306 State Street, Schenectady.
- The scholarships will be awarded at the Chamber Foundation Golf Classic on May 24, 2010 at the Mohawk Golf Club. The winning student will be requested to attend this dinner, and can be accompanied by an adult guest.

Award Disbursement

- The one-time, \$1,000 award will be paid directly to the college or university at the rate of \$500 per semester to cover tuition, college expenses, fees, books, instructional supplies and living expenses.
- The student must remain a full-time, matriculated student to receive the entire monetary award.
- A student who transfers to another college or university may request that the scholarship be continued provided the student continues to meet eligibility requirements.
- An initial and/or subsequent scholarship award does not in itself imply a continuation of future awards. A verification and review process will be a part of subsequent year scholarship awards.




TIMES UNION
Communications Scholarship – 2010 Application

STUDENT NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

PARENT NAME(S)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION DATE

COLLEGES TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE)

1.

2.

3.

DESIGNATED COURSE OF STUDY (ACADEMIC MAJOR)

On a separate piece of paper, list any school and community activities or employment, in which you have been involved during high school. For each activity, list the inclusive dates of your participation, leadership positions you held and any recognition or awards you received. Please be sure to list any literacy-based activities you were a part of, especially if you worked with students under the age of 12.

Also on a separate piece of paper, write an essay, no longer than 500 words, that states why you have chosen a career in journalism or a related communications field. Be sure to include your career goals and how you believe this will improve Schenectady County, either financially or on a community level.

I hereby certify the information contained in this application is true and accurate.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE



STUDENT NAME

LETTER DUE DATE

The student named above is preparing an application for the above Scholarship. S/he is seeking a letter of support from you regarding his/her candidacy for the Scholarship. In your letter, please address the following points regarding your knowledge of the candidate:

(ATTENTION STUDENT: Be sure one letter-writer can speak about your community service and/or employment)

- _____ Character
- _____ Abilities
- _____ Participation in community service
- _____ Participation in employment

Please return your letter to the candidate/guidance counselor by the date above to:

NAME

ADDRESS

Thank you for your assistance!