**FHC’s Communities Education Foundation (CEF) now accepting**

 **2021 Spring Scholarship Applications**

**Bowdoin, ME -** FHC’s Communities Education Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2021 Spring academic term. Founded in 2010, the FHC Communities Education Foundation was created to foster and encourage members of FHC communities to seek post-high school educational opportunities, including 2- or 4-year undergraduate degrees, vocational programs and graduate studies. Since 2013, the foundation has awarded over $198,500 in personalized checks to 205 qualified applicants. Applications will be accepted from any member of FHC’s communities, including

* FHC employees and their families;
* Immediate family members of FHC customers, vendors, and industry partners;
* Residents of communities surrounding Bowdoin, Maine; Greenville, Pennsylvania; Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Bucharest, Romania; Medellín, Colombia

The twelve awards of $500 or $1000 for the 2021 Spring will be based on academic progress and financial need, as well as content and presentation of the required short essays. Of the scholarship money, one third is awarded to applicants who are not affiliated with FHC. Funds will be awarded directly to the student, ensuring that they will be tax-free and can be excluded from calculations involving any other student scholarship awards. Funds may be used for school expenses such as books, housing, travel, etc.

In addition to the traditional CEF grant awards, the Scholarship Committee will also be selecting a recipient for the *Brian Carter Memorial Scholarship*. This $500 grant was donated by an FHCer and is intended to be presented to a deserving student pursuing post high school studies in at least one of the following areas: *photography, machine tool techniques, conservation/wildlife studies, music or aviation*. The scholarship honors the memory and life interests of longtime FHCer, Brian Carter.

For more information on the scholarship requirements, necessary documents and application form, please visit, <https://www.fh-co.com/community-involvement> . **Applications for the 2021 Spring term will be accepted through January 4th 2021**.

We have a new additional opportunity for a single $500 grant. Please refer to the \*below.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your completed application forms.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A transcript for the last year of study completed (official or unofficial) that **includes your current GPA** **or a letter indicating why this cannot be supplied***. If you are a recent high school applicant, please include your unofficial high school transcript. Your guidance counselor will be able to help you with this.*

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Choose *ONE of the two topics* listed below. Your short essay (less than 300 words) will be judged on content, quality and grammar. **DO NOT INCLUDE FIRST OR LAST NAME IN ESSAY.**

Essay A: If you were the CEO, describe 3 of the company’s core values and what they represent.

Essay B: What economic improvements can be made in your area to grow the local economy.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A short (less than 200 words) description of the education program and institution you have selected to advance your education and why you selected that school.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A short (less than 200 words) summary of approximate total semester costs of the applicant’s program as well as description of financial need, including a summary of how much both parent and student will be able to contribute. Please include a summary of other scholarships being received.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \*To be considered for the Brian Carter Memorial Scholarship, a $500 grant, please include a short (less than 200 words) summary of how you would use this grant to help pursue your interests in: **photography, machine tool technique, conservation/wildlife studies, music or aviation. You may also include two (2) examples of your current work.**

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If you have previously been awarded a FHC Community Education Foundation grant, please include a brief statement (200 words or less) explaining how the funds were used. *An applicant who received a previous award will not be considered for future awards if this statement is not included.* **If you are a first time applicant, this document is not required.**

**Spring 2021 FHC Community Education Foundation Application Form** (please print)

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Program of Higher Education (Please circle one):

Undergraduate Graduate Post-Graduate Certificate/Other

Educational Reference

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the FHC Community Education Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, please complete the following:

FHC Relationship (Please circle one): Employee/Family FHC Customer/Vendor Community Member No affiliation to FHC

Employee/Customer/Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I ­­­­ agree that FHC may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purpose as publicity, illustration, advertising and web content.