



**is pleased to announce**

## **THE JOETTE P. DELIA CURIANO SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000**

### **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 Area'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 Joette P. Delia Curiano Scholarship Fund**, which is described below.

### **The Joette P. Delia Curiano Scholarship Fund**

The Joette P. Delia Curiano Scholarship was established by Joette's family to honor her memory. Joette was born May 2, 1955 in Huntington, Long Island. A loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, Joette is fondly remembered not only for her professional achievements but for her commitment to her family, friendships, and causes that she cared deeply about, particularly animals, nature and music.

She was educated on Long Island and received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the State University of New York at Binghamton. Joette earned a master's degree in nursing from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

She established a well-distinguished career of more than 25 years as a nurse, nurse practitioner and health educator. Joette began her career at NYU in Manhattan, where she was employed as a registered nurse for three years. She later worked as the Director of Student Health Services at Siena College, P.S. 19 Elementary School in Albany as a school nurse and health teacher, and at Albany Medical Center as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. She ultimately worked for Troy High School as a health educator, where she cared deeply for her students and wanted desperately for them to be successful not only in their education but in their development towards being healthy and resilient young adults.

Joette passed away suddenly in 2008. This scholarship was created to honor her life and celebrate her legacy.

More information regarding Joette P. Delia Curiano and the scholarship fund can be found at:  
[www.joettecurianofund.org](http://www.joettecurianofund.org).

### **Eligibility Requirements and Selection Criteria:**

1. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior planning to attend an accredited four-year college to pursue **a nursing or health care-related degree** from one of the following high schools: **Troy High Schools, Schalmont High School, Schenectady High School, and Albany City High School.**
2. The applicant must have demonstrated scholastic ability and achievement with a **minimum GPA of 87% or 3.3.**
3. The applicant must be able to demonstrate financial need.
4. Selection criteria will also include: participation in activities, achievements, awards / recognition, and work history.
5. Special consideration will be given to students who are experiencing specific hardships or have overcome significant obstacles towards achieving academic and personal success. The case for consideration in these areas can be provided in the application essay and references.
6. Scholarship finalists may be asked to attend a personal interview with the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region in Albany, New York.

### **Selection Process:**

All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted to the Community Foundation by **March 3, 2014.** Scholarship recipients and their high schools or colleges will be notified in late **April.**

### **Scholarship Fund Disbursement:**

1. One total scholarship of \$1,000 will be paid in one installment directly to the college or university that the student is planning to attend and will cover tuition and fees, books, instructional supplies, or living expenses.
2. Student must submit proof of enrollment to receive the award.

### **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 certificates signed by the proper school authority showing courses taken, the grades received, and the rank of the applicant in the class.
  - b. 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."
  - c. A copy of a 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.
  - d. 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 Scholarship Committee of the 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 and the Financial Aid Form, be submitted to the Scholarship Committee as one single-sided 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 1,000 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 3, 2014.** Applications that are not complete will not be eligible for review.
6. Completed applications should be submitted to:

**The Joette P. Delia Curiano Scholarship Fund  
c/o The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region  
Six Tower Place  
Albany, New York 12203**

The Community Foundation for the Capital Region's  
Joette P. Delia Curiano Scholarship

Application Form: PART I

Personal/Educational Information

Personal/Educational Information

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

| Name of School | Date of Entrance | Grades Attended |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| _____          | _____            | _____           |
| _____          | _____            | _____           |
| _____          | _____            | _____           |

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # in Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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 humanity):

**Leadership activities** (school or civic offices held and/or special achievements):

**Employment/self-employment activities:**

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Duties:

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**PART II**

Your essay, not more than 1,000 words, should be typed and double-spaced if possible, and included with the application packet (see "Application Procedures"). In the essay, please describe the person or experience that inspired you to pursue a nursing or health care-related degree.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_