



Scholarships available for area high school seniors

Application deadline is Tuesday, March 15

NORWALK –Jan. 18, 2011 — Graduating seniors who reside in the towns of Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Milford, Monroe, Shelton, Stratford, Trumbull or Westport planning to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college or post-high school vocational or technical school are eligible to apply for scholarships from the Fairfield County Community Foundation.

The Foundation's Greater Bridgeport Area (GBA) Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial support to students in pursuit of a post-high school education. The program offers multiple awards from the general GBA Scholarship Fund in addition to more than 30 separate scholarships funds within the program, giving students the opportunity to apply for up to four different scholarships. A separate application is required for each scholarship.

Last year, the Foundation and its donors awarded more than 100 scholarships totaling over \$850,000 to students throughout Fairfield County.

Information and applications for the Greater Bridgeport Area Scholarship Program can be found online at www.fccfoundation.org. Students may also contact their high school guidance counselors to receive information on the scholarships and application forms.

All applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 15 and returned to: Fairfield County Community Foundation, GBA Scholarship Program, 383 Main Avenue, 4th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851-1543.

For information or questions regarding the scholarship program, contact Madeleine Thal at mthal@fccfoundation.org, or 203.750.3214.

In addition to scholarships offered through the Greater Bridgeport Area Scholarship Program, the Foundation and its donors offer scholarship opportunities to students at specific high schools throughout Fairfield County. Information on these scholarships is available through the guidance office at each high school.

The Fairfield County Community Foundation promotes the growth of community and regional philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Fairfield County. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations can establish their own charitable funds or contribute to existing funds focused on specific areas of need or communities in Fairfield County. The Foundation also provides philanthropic advisory services, and develops and leads initiatives to tackle critical community issues. It is in compliance with the Council on Foundations' national standards for community foundations. The Foundation has awarded over \$123 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit www.fccfoundation.org.