Applications Are Now Available for CFCU’s Scholarships & Awards

Apply Today!

Stringham Scholarship
Applications are now available for the CFCU Richard V.V. Stringham Scholarship. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or others preparing to begin full-time study at either a two or four-year accredited college or university, as well as CFCU members. Non-traditional students planning to enter college for the first time are also encouraged to apply.

Ten scholarships of $3000 each will be awarded to students planning to study at a four-year accredited college or university and five scholarships of $1500 each will be awarded to students planning to study at a two-year accredited college. Scholarships are for one year and are not renewable. Recipients will be chosen based on a number of factors, including academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and letters of recommendation.

Community Service Award
CFCU encourages students who are active within their local community to apply for a Community Service Award. Two one-time awards of $1500 each will be granted. Award monies may be used at the recipient’s discretion. Recipients will be chosen based on a variety of factors, including their volunteer experience and recommendations from their volunteer supervisors.

Applicants must reside in Tompkins, Cortland or one of the contiguous counties and be members of CFCU. They must be graduating from High School or earning a GED in the Spring of 2016 and must have demonstrated service to the community by completing at least 75 unpaid volunteer hours over a two-year period.

Deadlines and Criteria
Applications for the Richard V.V. Stringham Scholarship and the Community Service Award are now available online. Visit myfcu.com/scholarships for a copy of the applications and to review information on eligibility, selection criteria, and award procedures. The application deadline is Thursday, March 31, 2016 and the selected recipients will be notified no later than Wednesday, June 1, 2016. Recipients will be invited to attend a recognition reception in mid-June of 2016.

Any questions regarding Scholarships or Awards may be directed to the Education Committee: education.committee@myfcu.com

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Notice of Annual Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 5:30pm

This year’s Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 5:30pm at the Country Club of Ithaca, 189 Pleasant Grove Road, Ithaca. Light refreshments will be served & members will have the opportunity to meet CFCU’s Executive Team, Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee and staff.

Please go to myfcu.com/annualmeeting to reserve your spot.
Meet the Candidates

The nominating committee has submitted one candidate for each vacancy on CFCU’s Board of Directors. When only one member is nominated for a position, the chair may take a voice vote or declare each nominee elected by general consent at the Annual Meeting. The nominees are introduced below:

Brian Mitteer – Chairperson

Brian retired as President and CEO of Cortland Regional Medical Center, where he oversaw their 181-bed facility, 81-bed Residential Care Facility, Medical Center foundation, home health agency & durable medical equipment company.

Since joining CRMC in 2004, he accomplished many initiatives, including obtaining major grants for patient safety, providing leadership for their strategic planning process, and establishing a specialty medical practice.

Prior to that, Brian was President and CEO of Southern Vermont Health Services Corporation in Brattleboro; President and CEO of Chippewa County War Memorial Hospital, Sault Ste Marie, MI; and President of Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton, NY.

He received his M.S. degree in Health Administration from Russell Sage College and Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Economics from Cornell University. Active in many healthcare organizations, Brian is also a former Company Commander in the U.S. Army National Guard and former President of the Cortland Rotary Club.

Brian joined the CFCU Board of Directors in 2012 to fill an unexpected vacancy and was elected to his first full term at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Dana Decker

Dana Decker, the Principal Broker of Heritage Realty of Central New York has been a lifelong resident of the Cortland and Ithaca areas and has grown a true appreciation for all of our local communities. Dana attended Elmira College where he graduated in 2008 with a B.A. Degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Marketing and Management.

Since founding Heritage Realty in 2008, Dana has served the Cortland County Board of Realtors as the Treasurer, President Elect, and 2015 President. He is also a member of the Ithaca Board of Realtors.

Growing with our local communities, Dana understands the importance of giving back. He has enjoyed doing so by serving as a Director on the Board for the Cortland County Chamber of Commerce, as a Director on the Board of the Salvation Army, and has spent time and resources investing into local youth sports programs and clubs to ensure a bright future for tomorrow’s leaders.

Amy Wood Gonzalez

An Associate Broker with Warren Real Estate, Amy served as President of the Ithaca Board of Realtors in 2009. She has been involved with the Board of Realtors since 2003 having held a variety of leadership positions including Secretary, Treasurer President-Elect and President. She currently serves as their State Director. Amy is also a member of the Cortland Board of Realtors. In addition, she has been involved with several committees for the New York State Association of Realtors (NYSAR) and served as the NYSAR Regional Vice President for the Southern Tier from 2013-2015.

Prior to her career in real estate, Amy worked as a Speech-Language Pathologist. After receiving her Master's degree from SUNY Geneseo, Amy worked with pre-school and school-aged children, individuals with traumatic brain injury and the geriatric population in skilled nursing facilities. She advanced her career as Director of Rehab and Area Manager covering a wide range of facilities.

Amy is active in community service. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School, as well as volunteers with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. Amy is serving her third term on the Board.

Skip Hewitt – Secretary

Skip was appointed to the CFCU Board to fill an unexpected vacancy in 2013 and is serving his second term. He currently serves as Board Secretary. A former CFCU employee, Skip oversaw the residential mortgage department from 2000 until his retirement in 2005. He is very involved in the community and has volunteered for numerous non-profit organizations. Among other activities, he spent 32 years on the loan committee of Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, was a board member of the Tompkins County Drug and Alcohol Council, Group Homes of Tompkins County, Cancer Resource Center, Eastwood Commons Home Owners Association, and WSKG Public Television. He currently volunteers at Cancer Resource Center assisting cancer patients and on their Personnel Committee, Cayuga Medical Center in the Radiation Center and Chemo Suite, and the Cayuga Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary Board.
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