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Graduating seniors with a Lake Hopatcong connection can win \$1,000 scholarships

LAKE HOPATCONG, N.J. (April 27, 2015)—A love of Lake Hopatcong can net two graduating high school seniors \$1,000 each, as the deadline approaches for the Lake Hopatcong Foundation's first ever scholarship program.

"A special place or landscape can have a huge impact on students as they look ahead to their future studies and careers," said Lake Hopatcong Foundation president Jessica K. Murphy. "At the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, we've decided to give students the opportunity to gain some financial help toward tuition if they can tell us how Lake Hopatcong has made such an impact on their lives."

The \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation in two categories, each of which relates to the work of the LHF and its mission. The scholarships will be a one-time gift, given to a senior in high school who is a resident (year-round or seasonal) of one of the four towns that surround Lake Hopatcong. The deadline for applications to be submitted is this Friday, May 1.

The two categories are:

- **The Lake Environment**

This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a college-bound student who plans to study environmental science, environmental policy, ecology, or a similar field that focuses on the natural world and conserving the environment.

- **The Lake Experience**

This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a college- or trade school-bound student who plans to go into a field that is related to the lake experience, including public safety, marine trade, aquatic athletics, or a similar field.

The application can be downloaded here: <http://www.lakehopatcongfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/LHF-Scholarship-Program-2015.pdf>

Information on the scholarship has been submitted to the guidance departments at all three local public high schools (Hopatcong, Jefferson, and Roxbury), but the scholarship is open to students at any high school, as long as they have a full- or part-time residence in one of the lake towns.

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, which was established in 2012 for the purpose of improving Lake Hopatcong for all, now and in the years to come. To learn more, visit www.lakehopatcongfoundation.org.

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