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COMMERCE  
**FOUNDATION** nurturing community through education  
AT NEW PALTZ

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**Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz  
Now Accepting Applications for 2011 Educational Scholarship**

*(New Paltz, NY)* The Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz is now accepting applications for two (2) \$1000 educational scholarships to be awarded in 2011, recognizing individuals who have had a positive impact in their community, school, or workplace. Completed applications must be received by the Foundation by May 13, 2011; the applications will be reviewed by the Foundation's Professional Development Committee, and scholarship decisions will be made in early June. The application is available for download at [www.newpaltzchamber.org](http://www.newpaltzchamber.org), or interested applicants may request an application packet by e-mail at [info@newpaltzchamber.org](mailto:info@newpaltzchamber.org), by phone at 845-255-0243, or visiting the Foundation office at 257 Main Street in New Paltz.

Each year the Foundation awards scholarships recognizing unique Hudson Valley residents who have made a difference their community, school, or workplace. These scholarship winners have been graduating high school seniors, students pursuing a post-secondary degree or accreditation, and adult learners; they are Eagle Scouts, firefighters, decorated athletes, Rotarians, EMTs, and hospital volunteers, developing careers in health care, law, mathematics, chemical engineering, business administration and education. The financial support provided by Foundation scholarships has helped these individuals apply their passion and drive to a course of study that not only helps them accomplish their professional goals, but promotes a dynamic local quality of life in our region.

2009 Scholarship winner Ian McCrum, son of New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce member Kim McCrum of Kim Petro McCrum Consulting, says of the financial assistance granted by the Foundation, "It is my hope that one day I can give back to the community I grew up in and to the Chamber of Commerce so that I could help someone else to obtain a college education." McCrum, a student at Clarkson University, plans to use his skills and knowledge to start his own business developing and producing alternative fuels, chemicals, and renewable energy technologies.

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Scholarship applicants must demonstrate solid prior academic performance, showing their ability to be successful in a post-secondary degree program, and must plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution or course of learning. The applicant must be a member in good standing or a direct relative – child, spouse or grandchild – of a member in good standing of the New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce; members include any owner or employee of a Chamber member business. Full eligibility requirements and application instructions are included with the application form.

The Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz administers, aids and augments the New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce's current slate of educational programs, providing the Hudson Valley business community and the community at large with opportunities that support and enhance a sustainable economy and quality of life of our region. To learn more about the Foundation, including how to give, visit [www.newpaltzchamber.org](http://www.newpaltzchamber.org).

The New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce, with more than 700 members, is an active and trusted voice in the regional business and residential community, advancing the business, industrial, agricultural and civic interests of the Hudson Valley. It responds to an estimated 22,000 requests and visits from tourists each year. For more information about Foundation and Chamber programs and Visitor's Center hours of operation, visit [www.newpaltzchamber.org](http://www.newpaltzchamber.org), or call the Chamber at (845) 255-0243.

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