

**REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION AT NEW PALTZ
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**Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz
Now Accepting Applications for 2010 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 2010, recognizing individuals who have had a positive impact in their community, school, or workplace. Completed applications must be received by the Foundation by May 14, 2010; the applications will be reviewed by the Foundation's Professional Development Committee, and scholarship decisions will be made in June. The application is available for download at www.newpaltzchamber.org, or interested applicants may request an application packet by e-mail at scholarship@newpaltzchamber.org, by phone at 845-255-0243, or visiting the Foundation office at 257 Main Street in New Paltz.

Applicants must demonstrate solid prior academic performance that shows 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 2nd Annual Progressive Dinner, to be held on Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., will help raise funds for the Foundation's scholarship program. Diners are invited to warm up a chilly night in some of High Falls' hottest restaurants: High Falls Café, Depuy Canal House and Northern Spy Cafe. For more information about the 2nd Annual Progressive Dinner, visit www.newpaltzchamber.org, e-mail info@newpaltzchamber.org or call 845-255-0243.

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The Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz aids and augments the New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce's current slate of successful educational programs. The Foundation also envisions a comprehensive program of educational activities and scholarships, all geared toward educating and supporting the community.

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 from its current offices at 257 Main St. in New Paltz. For more information about Foundation and Chamber programs and Visitor's Center hours of operation, visit www.newpaltzchamber.org, or call the Chamber at (845) 255-0243.

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