

Outstanding Young New Yorker Program 2009 \$500 Scholarship Opportunity

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Leading the youth of the North Country toward a brighter future by helping to provide access to higher education is a job for the entire community to embrace. As always, the Greater Watertown Jaycees are up to the challenge. We are participating locally in the 2009 New York State Jaycees' "Outstanding Young New Yorker" scholarship program.

The local scholarship competition is open to any high school senior in the Northern NY, who will be continuing his/her education after high school graduation. A selection committee will review all applications and choose the best candidate that represents the North Country. The committee will base its decision on the students' application, supporting information and an autobiographical essay. Please encourage your students to include other appropriate information such as photocopies of awards, newspaper articles, etc. *Please be aware that this year we are not participating in the State-Level competition which we have done in the past.

Award notification will occur in late-April 2009 and the student will be recognized at the Watertown Jaycees annual *Young Professional Day Luncheon* scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at the Black River Valley Club in Watertown. This year our local chapter is proud to announce we have raised enough money to maintain a scholarship level of **\$500!** Locally in 2008, Benjamin Peak from Belleville-Henderson was our Outstanding Young New Yorker and in 2007, Caitlin Simard from South Lewis Central School received the honor.

Please encourage your students to apply for this local scholarship opportunity. I have included a basic fact sheet for your convenience. The postmarked deadline for submitting the applications is **Friday, April 10, 2009**. Kindly send it to the following address:

Greater Watertown Jaycees
P.O. Box 6364
c/o OYNY 2009 Scholarship Program
Watertown, NY 13601

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 315.771.3149 or email me at lohara@wpbstv.org. Thank you for your time.

Best wishes,



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Greater Watertown Jaycees
2009 Membership Vice President