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Brendan McGrath Memorial Scholarship Created

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. launches new scholarship initiative in memory of former Board Chairman, Brendan McGrath.

AUBURN, NEW YORK, October 28, 2014 – Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. (CSCAA) is pleased to announce establishment of the Brendan McGrath Memorial Scholarship and is now accepting applications through November 14, 2014 for the first round of awards. Eligible college-ready applicants include current employees; a child, step-child or grandchild (including legal guardianship arrangement) of current employees; and current or former customers of the Agency.

“Brendan McGrath was deeply committed to giving back to his community,” said CSCAA Executive Director Laurie Piccolo. “He served for 21 years as a volunteer board member for the Agency, 19 of which he served as board chairperson. Under Brendan’s leadership, the Agency experienced expansion of numerous programs and services.”

Brendan’s family has worked closely with the Agency since his accidental death in March of 2010 to honor his legacy of giving. Brendan’s wife Mary said, “My children and I wished to establish a formal mechanism to continue Brendan’s work.” The family requested memorial donations to the Agency which were used to seed establishment of the Brendan McGrath Memorial Fund. The Fund continues to receive financial support from the family and community at large and is used to address key needs of the Agency and customers.

In 2014, the Brendan McGrath Memorial Scholarship was established and is supported through the Memorial Fund to further the Agency’s mission of helping people to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency. \$250 awards will be made in each of three eligibility categories above for the upcoming Spring 2015 semester. The Scholarship Application and Guidelines may be downloaded through the Agency website, www.cscaa.com/mcgrath.html.

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit that was incorporated in 1965 through the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, to fight the war against poverty locally. The Agency serves both Cayuga and Seneca Counties, with a staff of more than 120 employees. The mission of Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. is to respectfully assist people to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency through direct services, education, and community partnerships.

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