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## **Madison County Students Could Benefit from a New Scholarship through Northern Piedmont Community Foundation**

**Culpeper, VA**—As high school seniors across the country begin to receive college acceptances, and plan for post-secondary training, they also begin the process of applying for scholarships to help offset the costs. Having provided more than \$200,000 in scholarships in 2017, the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation (NPCF) is thrilled that the number of scholarships available to Culpeper and Madison students continues to expand.

The Culpeper Wellness Foundation recently established a Health & Wellness Scholarship to benefit students and residents from Culpeper, Madison, or Orange counties. Applicants of any age must be accepted into a health or wellness-related certificate or degree program at Germanna Community College and should show a commitment to their chosen field of study and demonstrate financial need. All health fields are considered for this one-time \$1,000 award.

President of Culpeper Wellness Foundation, Shari Landry, initiated the scholarship through the organization's board. "Because our foundation works to improve health and promote wellness in Culpeper, Madison and Orange counties, we believe that this scholarship will not only provide needed funds to local students of all ages but also help to meet the long-term needs of our community by contributing to the pool of skilled health workers," she said. "Our community is fortunate to have a school like Germanna Community College that provides an array of health-related certificate and degree programs."

Dr. Janet Gullickson, who recently assumed the role of President of Germanna Community College, agreed. "For Germanna Community College students, a scholarship can mean the difference between graduating or dropping out," she said. "This thoughtful and influential gift from the Culpeper Wellness Foundation will directly shape a student's future. Through this generosity, students have a chance—a real chance—to become the health professionals they have always dreamed of becoming."

NPCF Executive Director Jane Bowling-Wilson is excited that scholarships for area students continue to grow. In addition to the Culpeper Wellness Foundation scholarship, another recent addition, the St. Luke's Foundation Scholarship Fund, also provides renewable scholarships to students.

"This is incredible," Bowling-Wilson said. "With the student debt crisis on the rise, providing students with financial aid throughout their college careers is crucial."

NPCF's 2018 scholarship application opened on January 1 and closes on March 15 at 11:59 p.m. Individuals seeking to apply should visit [www.npcf.org](http://www.npcf.org) and click the Scholarships tab to begin the application process.

Established in 2000, the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation is a public charity that builds philanthropic capital to enhance and preserve the quality of life in Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, and Rappahannock Counties and to strengthen the region's nonprofit organizations.

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