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Portage Health Foundation Scholarships Available for Local High School Students

HANCOCK, Mich., Jan. 17, 2017 – This year the Portage Health Foundation (PHF) is offering one (1) \$500 scholarship to a high school senior from <u>each</u> of the following schools: Baraga Area High School; L'Anse High School; Calumet-Laurium-Keweenaw High School; Chassell High School; Dollar Bay-Tamarack City High School; Hancock Central High School; Houghton High School; Jeffers High School; Lake Linden-Hubbell High School; Ewen-Trout Creek High School; and Ontonagon Area Junior/Senior High School.

Students who are eligible for consideration must: graduate during the 2016-2017 academic year (5th year seniors, such as students in early college programs, are eligible to apply); have at least a 2.5 GPA; demonstrate current interest in health-related fields of study or be active or demonstrate past activity in HOSA; be accepted or anticipate acceptance for admission to a post-secondary institution; intend to seek a post-secondary degree or certification in a health-related field of study; demonstrate engagement in school and/or community activities; and write a cover letter and accompanying essay in support of their application. Applications are available on the PHF's website at www.phfgive.org or through the student's school. Students should contact their high school counselor or principal for more information on how to apply. Additionally, students should submit their completed applications by February 20, 2017 to their school counselor or principal.

PHF developed its "Healthcare Leaders" Pillar of Emphasis to provide scholarship opportunities to support the development and educational advancement of traditional and non-traditional students. According to Hilary Anderson, Grants Management Coordinator at PHF, "We deeply care about this community, which is why we continue to support local students. By offering scholarships, not only are we contributing to students becoming professionals, we are also investing in individuals whose educational training and expertise will one day benefit the community."

About the Portage Health Foundation

The Portage Health Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization that receives and contributes charitable donations, which support the health needs of the community through enhanced philanthropy and community collaboration throughout Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon counties.

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