

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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## A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Here at the Foundation, we love springtime in Fairfield County - the sun shines a little brighter, the grass looks a little greener and flowers begin to bloom.

Spring is a busy time for the Foundation. With our preliminary grant proposal deadline behind us and our scholarship application deadline right around the corner, we will soon begin the review process. We so look forward to administering these grant and scholarship funds to students and organizations in our community each year, and wish all applicants the best of luck!

Last month we invited community organizations to *Get the Scoop* on our grant process. See the article below for more information on that event, and note that we plan to host a similar event in July!

As always, we want to express our sincere gratitude to our donors and supporters! Happy Spring!



Amy Eyman Executive Director

# Scholarship Applications Due Monday, April 4, 2016





The Fairfield County Foundation scholarship application process is now live on our website. Once again we are working with AcademicWorks, a comprehensive Scholarship Management Solution, that allows the Foundation to automatically match students with relevant scholarships. This online scholarship process makes applying for scholarships more efficient for both the students and the

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reviewers. The deadline for all applications to be complete is **Monday, April 4, 2016.** 

## **Foundation Hosts Grant Informational Session**

The Fairfield County Foundation recently hosted a grant informational meeting for individuals who are writing grants along with the director or development person of non-profit organizations in Fairfield County. 59 community members attended the February 17th event, representing 41 non-profit organizations in Lancaster and Fairfield County.

Held from 2-4 p.m. at the 50's style diner located next to Kumler Collision (2283 E. Main Street in Lancaster), attendees were invited to "get the scoop" on the Foundation's grant process, and enjoy ice cream donated by Diamond Jim's Pizza.

Topics covered in the session included funds available for grants, the timeline for grant cycles, the do's and don'ts of grant writing, how to compose a grant for the Foundation, and the grant submission process.

"We're thrilled that our community organizations took advantage of this opportunity to learn more about our grant process and hope that it will help them secure the grants they need to succeed," said Amy Eyman, Executive Director of the Fairfield County Foundation. "We look forward to hosting similar grant sessions in the future."

Due to the popularity of the event, the Foundation plans to host a similar event in July of 2016. For more information, or to be placed on the list for the next session, please email Amy Eyman at <a href="mailto:aeyman@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org">aeyman@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org</a>.









## What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a non-profit, publicly supported, nonsectarian philanthropic institution with a long-term goal of building permanent funds established by many donors to carry out their charitable interests, and for the broad-based charitable interest of and for the residents of a defined geographic area.

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