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Finkle Rosenberg Scholarship Grant Awarded by Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) Board of Directors awarded the Finkle Rosenberg \$2,000 scholarship to Owego Free Academy High School graduate Deanna Lemmon. She will be pursuing a degree in Music Education at Mansfield University.

While attending Owego Free Academy (OFA) Deanna had a highly successful academic career. She is an outstanding musician and has spent time passing along her love of music to younger students. As a student conductor of music she spent time working with elementary students on their music performances.

Deanna has many personal characteristics that will help her to be a highly effective teacher. She is a kind-hearted individual who always takes the time to stop and help someone in need. She is someone her peers seek out when they need someone to talk to because they know she will not judge them and she will keep the conversation confidential.

In her application she stated, "I feel I have a calling to teach children and show them how to experience my love of music. I want to show them not only how to play a beautiful piece of music, but also how to learn the skills needed to produce a pure warm whole sound that can move anyone who listens. Music has been a life changing experience for me, and I would love to have the opportunity to show that to my future students by becoming a band teacher."

Finkle Rosenberg, a former OFA teacher who taught from 1937 to 1977, established this scholarship fund at the CFTT. She dedicated her life to education and to encouraging young people to fulfill their potential by pursuing further education after high school. During her forty-year career she served as president of the Owego Apalachin Teachers Association, chairperson of the social studies department, and secondary social studies coordinator for the Owego Apalachin school district. She was one of the first honorees on the Owego Apalachin Wall of Fame.

The purpose Ms. Rosenberg had in establishing this scholarship was to help college bound students with their expenses such as tuition, room and board, and books. This scholarship is awarded every year to an Owego Free Academy graduate who plans to go into the education field.

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) is a non-profit public foundation established in 2002 by a diverse group of local leaders and residents. The Foundation encourages community philanthropy to enhance the quality of life for those who reside in Bradford, Sullivan and Tioga Counties in Pennsylvania and Tioga County in New York State. It establishes endowment funds for charitable purposes from contributions of citizens, corporations, other foundations, charitable organizations and government agencies. As the endowment funds grow, it uses the interest earned on these funds to make grants to organizations or projects that serve identified community needs.

If you have an interest in learning more about the CFTT or in establishing a fund, you can contact the organization by any of these methods: telephone - 570-888-4759; fax - 570-888-2179; email - cftt@stny.rr.com ; or visit the website - www.twintierscf.org .