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**Celebrate Fairfax Community Spirit Scholarship Applications**  
**Now Being Accepted Through March 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Ten scholarships to be awarded for FCPS seniors, including top prize of \$2,500!*

**FAIRFAX, VA, December 14, 2015** — Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. (CFI), producer of the award winning Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, announced today that applications are now being accepted for their 2016 Community Spirit Scholarship Program. Created in 2011 as part of its mission to “Celebrate Fairfax County and Its Communities,” ten college scholarships will be awarded to Fairfax County high school seniors during the 2016 Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.

A grant of \$2,500 will be awarded to the Fairfax Community Spirit Scholar, the student considered to have the best combination of community service, high level academics, demonstrated leadership, and participation in extracurricular/athletic activities. Additionally, nine \$1,000 grants will be awarded to one student from each of Fairfax County’s Supervisory Districts.

Information regarding eligibility and criteria may be found along with the online scholarship application at [www.celebratefairfax.com/scholarships](http://www.celebratefairfax.com/scholarships). **The deadline for application submission is March 1, 2016.** Final selection of awardees will be made by the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. Board of Directors.

Scholarship recipients will be honored at a special Community Spirit Reception at the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, with presenters and guests to include community and county leaders, elected officials, members of the Friends of Celebrate Fairfax, and other special guests. In addition, scholarship recipients will be treated to a VIP Experience Package at the 2016 Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.

“Celebrate Fairfax believes that by enabling local youth to continue their education, we are preparing the next generation of Fairfax County leaders and strengthening our community,” said Barry Feil, President and CEO of Celebrate Fairfax, Inc.

Funding for the Community Spirit Scholarship Program comes primarily from donations made by the Friends of Celebrate Fairfax, a group of supporters consisting of corporations, businesses and individuals who provide funding for this and other Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. initiatives.

“It is through the generous support of our Friends of Celebrate Fairfax and the Celebrate Fairfax Education Fund that we are able to provide these scholarships and celebrate the many accomplishments and community spirit of our County’s high school seniors,” stated Rich Irons, Chair of the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. Board of Directors.

For more information or questions regarding the Community Spirit Scholarship Program or the Friends of Celebrate Fairfax, please contact CFI President & CEO Barry Feil by email at [Barry.Feil@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Barry.Feil@fairfaxcounty.gov).