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Dear Cumberland High School Senior,

In 2016, The Cumberland Education Foundation, a 501(c) (3) non profit, was formed to strengthen the bridge between the community and our public schools. The Foundation encourages private philanthropy to enhance the educational experiences of students enrolled in the Cumberland schools. As an organization, we are committed to the ongoing development of progressive education in Cumberland for the betterment of the students and the entire community.

To assist students seeking to further their education following graduation, the Foundation has established the Cumberland Education Foundation Scholarship. In 2017, we awarded our first \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior, and last year presented two of these scholarships. The 2019 awards will be given to students accepted and committed to attending full-time, at a 2 or 4-year college or technical institution during the 2019-20 academic year. The Scholarship is based on three criteria: academic performance, extracurricular activities/employment history and volunteerism in the community.

In addition, CEF will be presenting the **Rose McCabe Hogue Memorial Scholarship**. This \$1,000 scholarship is open to any qualifying student with preference given to those studying elementary education. Rose McCabe Hogue was a lifelong resident and educator in Cumberland. She graduated from Rhode Island College in 1925. She taught at the Valley Falls School and Cumberland Hill School. An active volunteer, she worked with many adults to support development of job skills. She passed away at the age of 42, leaving a legacy of love for education among her progeny.

We encourage all seniors to apply for these scholarships. This year, all applicants must apply via a Google form which can be found on our website: cumberlandeducation.org/scholarship. Completed applications must be received by Monday, April 8, 2019. Incomplete applications will not be considered for review.

Thank you,

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“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

-Ben Franklin