

The Chamber Foundation, an affiliate of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, is currently accepting applications from Dutchess County high school students for its annual **Scholarship Program** and signature **Youth Leadership Program**. Please invite your students to apply:

Scholarship Program: Since 2002, The Chamber Foundation has awarded over half a million dollars in *scholarships*. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2020 academic year. There are a variety of scholarships to fit just about any student's academic interest. Please encourage students to log onto www.chamberFDN.org and click the scholarship tab to learn more and to apply online. A summary of available scholarships is enclosed. The deadline for applications is **April 1, 2020**.

Youth Leadership is an innovative, two-year *leadership development* program designed to develop the academic, social and life skills of area *sophomores* and *juniors*, and focuses on giving these students out-of-the classroom leadership experiences. Open to students throughout Dutchess County at any leadership level, Youth Leadership helps to develop leadership skills that students may lack, and helps to build upon leadership skills that they already have. Meeting monthly, September – May, students will work on career building, college/post-high school planning, resume writing, community service, an understanding of the community, and much more.

Applications are online and openings are filled on a *first come, first served basis* – 45 sophomore seats and 45 junior seats. Please make sure students don't delay. Visit www.chamberFDN.org, click the Leadership Programs tab and click on the Youth Leadership logo to learn more and to apply. The application deadline is **June 12, 2020**. Applications should be given to incoming sophomores and juniors. Incoming sophomores are given preference with limited junior seats available.

Additionally, both The Chamber Foundation and Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce have *exceptional workforce development programming that provides youth ages 14-24 with supportive services*. To find out more, please contact Katrina Gobins, Workforce Program Manager, at 845-454-1700 ext. 1024.