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**New Scholarships Available: Applications Due April 30**

The Main Street Community Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships that will be due April 30, 2010.

The **NESMA Scholarship Fund** was established in March 2010 by the New England Spring and Metalstamping Association (NESMA). It will provide 2 scholarships that will be awarded annually beginning in 2010. The first award is available to a graduating senior attending high school located in Bristol CT who is pursuing post secondary education in the field of engineering. The second award is available to a graduating senior and child of an employee or owner of a NESMA member company who is pursuing post secondary education in engineering or business.

Also available is the **4 Burns Scholarship** which is available to an eighth grade student graduating from St. Joseph School in Bristol CT and who will be attending St. Paul Catholic High School in the fall. This scholarship was established at the Foundation in 2000 by four siblings from the Burns family of Bristol.

The specific requirements and application forms for the scholarships are available on the Foundation's website at [www.mainstreetfoundation.org](http://www.mainstreetfoundation.org). Applications are due April 30, 2010 and must be sent to the Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06011-2702

Celebrating 15 years, the Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities served by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grantmaking and community leadership. A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the foundation works with donors in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support their communities. Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has provided over \$6.6 million in grants to local organizations.

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