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designed to help college students pursuing study abroad opportunities. Established in 2024 by longtime Bristol resident Jeanne Radcliff, the fund aims to assist students who wish to broaden their academic horizons by studying outside of the United States.

“Recently, Bristol resident Jeanne Radcliff established a scholarship fund at Main Street Community Foundation to assist college students who wish to study abroad,” said Samantha Rajotte, Scholarship & Program Officer for the Main Street Community Foundation. “This scholarship is open to students from Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott who are planning to study abroad during one or both semesters of the upcoming academic year.”

Jeanne Radcliff, a passionate world traveler, established the scholarship fund after experiencing firsthand the transformative power of studying abroad. Her first international experience came as a high school student when she spent time living with a family in Chile. Later, as a college student, Radcliff spent a year in Spain, a journey that deeply influenced her personal and professional life.

The Community Foundation will award the inaugural scholarship of \$3,500 in 2025 to a current college student from one of the eligible towns. The recipient must plan to study outside of the United States during one or both semesters of the 2025-2026 academic year. The application deadline for this scholarship is March 7 at 11:59 p.m.

The Main Street Community Foundation, founded in 1995, is a nonprofit public charity that serves the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott. With a mission to enhance the quality of life in these areas, the foundation has awarded over \$30 million in grants and scholarships, helping to build permanent charitable endowments for the region’s future.

Complete information about the scholarship, including eligibility criteria and the online application, is available on the Main Street Community Foundation’s website at mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship. For questions or additional details, applicants can contact Samantha Rajotte at 860-583-6363 or samantha@mainstreetfoundation.org.

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