EDUCATION FUND

**APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR**

**THE TAHAWUS LEGACY EDUCATION FUND**

**(PRESS RELEASE)**

 The Committee for the Tahawus Legacy Education Fund, who awarded $11,000 for scholarships last year, is pleased to announce the application process for academic year 2016-17. Established in 2014, the ECHS Tahawus Legacy Education Fund is named for Tahawus, New York, an Adirondack mining village that thrived from the early 1940s until 1963 when the National Lead Company moved the village to Newcomb in order to access additional titanium found on the Tahawus site. Eventually the mining enterprise was totally closed.

 The Tahawus Legacy Education Fund memorializes the men and women who lived in the mining village, worked hard at their jobs, and also engendered a town spirit dedicated to universal respect, community service, mountain sportsmanship, and educational opportunity. As the beneficiaries of those efforts, many of the former children of Tahawus contributed their stories to Leonard Gereau’s *Tahawus Memories 1941-1963*, and Mr. Gereau, himself a former resident, founded and generously supported the Tahawus Legacy Education Fund with profits from his book. Additional donors have also contributed to the Fund now held by the Essex County Historical Society.

 The primary qualification for the competitive Tahawus Legacy Education Fund’s scholarship is each applicant’s ability to identify a family connection to one or more relatives who lived in the village of Tahawus. Additional requirements, guidelines, and application materials can be obtained from the Fund’s website, **www.tahawuslegacyscholarship.com**. Tahawus Legacy scholarships are to be used toward expenses related to full-time college or university enrollment during the second year of study or beyond, and may include graduate study. A successful applicant will have completed at least one year of full-time college or university work at an accredited institution and have earned at least a 2.75 overall GPA. Completed application packets will be accepted if postmarked between June 1st and July 15th.

For questions not answered by the website, applicants are invited to contact the Chair of the Legacy Committee, Dr. Joan Burke, at this email address: drburke@tahawuslegacyscholarship.com.