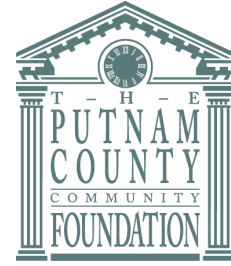


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**Headline: New Arts Scholarship Encourages Students to Follow Their Dreams**

*Greencastle, November 10, 2017.* The Putnam County Community Foundation announced a new scholarship for graduates of North Putnam High School: the North Putnam Dollars for Scholars Arts Scholarship. A one year award, students may reapply, and previous recipients will receive preference; so it is possible that the same student could receive support for up to four years of schooling and even graduate school. The scholarship was established by Linda Gjesvold, who taught visual arts for forty-four years, forty-three of which were at North Putnam High School and Junior High. “North Putnam has many past, present, and future talented students,” said Gjesvold. “I hope this scholarship will encourage them to follow their dreams.”

Gjesvold never dreamed of being able to create a scholarship, until she learned from her State Farm advisor, Brad Tucker, that she could make contributions by designating her IRA required minimum distribution as a charitable donation to the Community Foundation to fund the scholarship endowment. She plans to add to the scholarship over several years using this strategy. The first Arts Scholarship will be awarded in 2018. For eligibility requirements, information, and to apply online, visit: <https://northputnam.dollarsforscholars.org>.

Alan Zerkel, President of North Putnam Dollars for Scholars, stated that this is the third endowed scholarship being administered by North Putnam Dollars for Scholars. “These are scholarships that will continue to grow and support North Putnam graduates every year in perpetuity,” said Zerkel. “The partnership between the North Putnam Dollars for Scholars program and the Putnam County Community Foundation provides many benefits for our youth, who are the future of our community.”

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