Vera and Imre Hecht Foundation Awards $300,000 for Scholarships

For the third consecutive year, the Vera and Imre Hecht Foundation has awarded $100,000 for scholarships to help CUNY students who otherwise might not be able to afford to attend college full time.

Last year, the foundation provided scholarships for 10 freshmen at three colleges: John Jay, Hunter and The City College. The students were awarded a $2,500 scholarship per year for four years. The recipients included an Ecuadorian immigrant at Hunter who is the first in her family to attend college.

Vera and Imre Hecht, who died last year, were Holocaust survivors and philanthropists with a strong commitment to providing educational opportunity and preserving the memory and teaching the lessons of the Holocaust. The Hechts were major donors to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Manhattan, the Hecht School of Music in Sarasota, Fla., the City’s Fund for Public Schools and the Shoah Foundation in California.