



Reminders

Cass County Electric Cooperative Sponsors Scholarships

This is a reminder that CCEC will again sponsor a \$500 scholarship for each chapter located in the CCEC area. These chapters include: Barnes County North, Central Cass, Enderlin, Kindred, Litchville-Marion, Lisbon, Maple Valley, Northern Cass, Page, Richland, West Fargo, Valley City and Fargo.

Each chapter will select a winner from your pool of applicants and forward the name, address, parents' names of each winner, ALONG WITH A PHOTO (electronic photo is best and it can be obtained from the school) to Lori Sayler NO LATER THAN June 1, 2010. When the State Office receives information from ALL chapters, the local chapter treasurer will receive the \$500.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Sayler via e-mail at lori.sayler@nddfs.org or call 888-592-8540.

Falkirk Mining Company Sponsors Scholarships

Falkirk Mining Company has designated four \$500 scholarships for a high school student attending Washburn, Underwood, Turtle-Lake/Mercer and Wilton (one \$500 scholarship per school) who will be pursuing an energy-related career. The students can be attending a 4-year or 2-year college or university, or any vocational or trade school.

High school counselors, please have the students complete the ND Dollars for Scholars application available online at www.nddfs.org. DFS chapters, you can forward any energy-related applications that you have received from students that would qualify for this scholarship.

The State Office will screen applications and award the \$500 scholarship to the students. Please send all applications to Lori Sayler, NDDFS State Office, PO Box 5509, Bismarck, ND 58506. Please indicate on application this is a Falkirk Mining Company scholarship.



If you have any questions, please contact Lori Sayler via email at lori.sayler@nddfs.org or call 888-592-8540.

New Chapter Incentives

The ND State Dollars for Scholars chapter is pleased to offer a challenge grant to new Chapters. Each new chapter will receive a matching \$2,000 from the State Chapter after raising its first \$2,000. Please get the word out to local ND communities interested in starting a Dollars for Scholars chapter.

Feedback From Financial Aid Offices

In May, please send a letter listing your scholarship recipients to the appropriate colleges. Financial aid offices need the lists to award correct financial aid packages to students. Please include some type of identifier for the student(s) you list, such as his or her birth date (month/day), or at the very least, his or her hometown address.

Awarding Your Chapter's BND/NDDFS Partnering Scholarship

All DFS chapters who attended the 2009 Fall Appreciation Luncheon will be sent a \$500 check to award to a student in your local community. This is a changed process from last year. Local chapters will now receive the funds for this scholarship. It is each chapter's responsibility to direct that money to the financial aid office at the award winner's school.

Schedule of Events

May:

- Student applications due to State Office for State votech and community service scholarships
- Chapter Workshop - May 1 in Minot

June:

- State Chapter Board of Directors Annual Meeting
- Chapter Workshop - June 4th in Fargo
- Student applications for returning student and healthcare-related scholarships due to State Office

July:

- State scholarship winners notified

Attend a 2010 Spring/Summer Workshop!

The ND Dollars for Scholars State chapter is offering free workshops for all Dollars for Scholars board members and volunteers. There will be many scholarship incentives and door prizes. Bring at least two Board members and your chapter's name will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship! For additional prizes, bring examples of the following:

- Award policy and application
- Investment policy
- Awards program brochure or graduation insert
- Newspaper clippings of PR for chapter
- Fundraising ideas

The agenda will include reviewing by-laws and terms of board members, recruitment strategies, and a college savings presentation.

Two workshops will be available:

Option 1: May 1, 2010 - Minot
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Magic City Campus/Minot High School
1100 11th Ave. SW

Option 2: June 5, 2010 - Fargo
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
West Acres Mall in the Community Room

Please contact Lori Sayler at lori.sayler@nddfs.org to register.

Thank You

Thank you to the generous 2009 donors who helped fund the State chapter scholarship effort through regular donation, pass through scholarships and endowed scholarships:

- Scheels Corporation
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- AB Gallery (Lianne Rockstad)
- Dennis and Laurie Bense
- Don and Ardie Gackle
- West Acres Mall
- Northland Educators Federal Credit Union

More Scholarships Available from ND State Chapter

The partnership between NDDFS and Bank of North Dakota, along with Scheels Corporation and many donations from businesses and individuals throughout North Dakota, allows the North Dakota State chapter to offer more scholarships to North Dakota students. The following scholarships are only available to North Dakota students who live in a community served by a local DFS chapter.

Dr. Fradkin Regional Community Service Scholarships

Eight \$500 scholarships are available to students who excel in community service. A minimum of one \$500 scholarship will be awarded per region in North Dakota. These scholarships are in honor of Dr. Irving Fradkin, founder of Dollars for Scholars. **West Acres Mall and Northland Educators Credit Union specifically donate for these community service scholarships.**



Dr. Fradkin

Encourage students to get the application at www.nddfs.org/students/scholarships.asp for the Dr. Fradkin Community Service scholarships. All applications are due to the State office postmarked no later than May 1 and winners will be notified in July. Checks will be sent to the colleges in December for use during the second semester of school.

Vocational/Technical/Trade School Scholarships

Twenty \$500 scholarships are available to students who are attending a vocational or technical/trade school. The **Joann Link Hetzel memorial endowment specifically contributes to these scholarships.** All applications are due to the State office postmarked no later than May 1 and winners will be notified in July. Checks will be sent to the colleges in December for use during the second semester of school. Please print the application at www.nddfs.org/students/scholarships.asp for the Joann Link Hetzel Technical School Scholarships.

Returning/Graduate Students Scholarships

Forty \$500 scholarships are available to students who are returning 2nd, 3rd or 4th year students or

graduate students pursuing an undergraduate degree or technical/vocational degree. **The James A. Guy endowment specifically contributes to these scholarships.** All applications are due to the State office postmarked no later than June 10 and winners will be notified in July. All applicants must meet 2.5 GPA criteria and come from a DFS community to be eligible. Checks will be sent to the colleges in August for use during the fall semester of school. Please print the application at www.nddfs.org/students/scholarships.asp for the James A. Guy Returning Student Scholarships.

Health Care Related Scholarships

Six \$500 scholarships are available to students who are returning 2nd, 3rd or 4th year students pursuing an undergraduate or vocational/technical degree in a health care related field. All applications and a copy of the student's transcript are due to the State Office postmarked no later than June 10 and winners will be notified in July. All applicants must meet 2.5 GPA criteria and come from a DFS community to be eligible. Checks will be sent to the colleges in August for use in the fall semester. Please print the application at www.nddfs.org/students/scholarships.asp for the Health Care Related Scholarships.





NDDFS Celebrates a New Chapter

Congratulations to Hope for chartering their Dollars for Scholars chapter in December 2009! The chapter received a matching \$2,000 grant from the State chapter after they raised their first \$2,000. Hope DFS has already raised \$10,000. What a great accomplishment! The DFS Board of Directors includes:

Dennis Erdmann	President
Lisa Jacobsen	Vice President
Laura Ihry	Secretary
Judy Erbstoesser	Treasurer

Other Board members include: Joline Burchill (Public Relations), Dwight Dockter (Awards), Dale Krueger, and Marcia Mitzel.

Celebrate 529 College Savings Day and Corresponding Events!

Saturday, May 29 will be “529 College Savings Day” in North Dakota - a day that signifies the importance of higher education to North Dakota families and their futures. The date (5/29) corresponds to the tax-advantaged 529 college savings plans, with North Dakota residents benefiting from the state-sponsored College SAVE Plan. The plan is one of the most popular ways for parents, grandparents, and other family members and friends to save for children’s college educations.

College SAVE has great investment and matching grant opportunities. The \$300 matching grant program benefits College SAVE investors who



*Left to Right
Back Row:* Dennis Erdmann, Bill Erbstoesser, Judy Erbstoesser, Dwight Dockter *Front row:* Marcia Mitzel, Lisa Jacobsen, Laura Ihry *Not pictured:* Joline Burchill, Dale Krueger

earn less than \$40,000 annually (or \$80,000 for couples who file jointly). Also, investors who earn less than \$20,000 annually (or \$40,000 for couples who file jointly) can apply for matching grants for three consecutive years. The opportunity for families earning less than \$40,000 to receive up to \$900 from Bank of North Dakota in matching funds can be a substantial boost to their college saving efforts.

In coordination with “529 College Savings Day,” Bank of North Dakota will sponsor free admission at “529 Friday” events at the zoos in Bismarck and Minot on May 28, and Fargo on June 4. All North Dakotans are invited to attend.

News from Scholarship America

Dollars for Scholars Competing on @ 15 Exchange

Best Buy’s “@15 Exchange” gives teens ages 13 to 18 the opportunity to earn points, vote for their preferred organization, and decide which nonprofits get how much of Best Buy’s \$250,000 donation dollars. The goal of @15 is to give voice to teen perspectives and provide a platform for them to connect and engage. Already \$1 million has been given out this way.

Dollars for Scholars is one of four organizations vying for student votes this quarter; check out the

new video, which Scholarship America is using to introduce Dollars for Scholars to the users of @15 on the homepage of Scholarship America at www.scholarshipamerica.org.

Students also can apply for the new UHelp Scholarship on the DFS @15 profile — and their points will decide how much it’s worth! The link for this is available from the Scholarship America homepage, or you can type the URL into your browser - www.at15.com/points/org/dollars_scholars.

A Letter from Lori, NDDFS State Director

Hello Dollars for Scholars members, supporters and friends! Dollars for Scholars volunteers across the state continue to work tirelessly for our young people, allowing students better access to higher education.

This year the NDDFS State chapter will provide 74 additional scholarship opportunities, along with workshop training scholarships and event scholarships, awarding over \$65,000 to our North Dakota students. The State chapter works hard to fulfill a need for our returning and graduate students. This year, along with forty \$500 returning/grad student scholarships, we are introducing six \$500 health care related scholarships for 2nd, 3rd, 4th year and grad students.

We are once again amidst a busy scholarship award season. Be proud of all the work you do for your local students. Your support and dedication encourages many students to pursue higher education. Your spirit of volunteerism for the good of others does

not go unnoticed within your communities and within the state.

Enjoy this busy time of year. If any of you are in Bismarck, please stop by Bank of North Dakota and see me. I would love to meet all of you. I hope many of you will attend a workshop in Minot or Fargo to network with other chapters and volunteers.



Lori Sayler

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Your Web Presence is Getting Even Better!

Last year, each chapter got its own individual Web page within the State chapter’s Web site at www.nddfs.org. We have some chapters doing an excellent job of keeping their information current, which is a huge benefit for them as individuals seek them out on our site.

The new site has had well over 4,000 pageviews since January 1 of this year, with almost 3,000 unique visitors. What are they looking for? YOU!

The state map page that links our visitors to your chapter is the fourth most visited page on the site. This means if your chapter has not updated your page on the site, you are really missing out!

In fact, recently one generous donor who now lives out of state was looking to set up her hometown Dollars for Scholars chapter in her will. She had a very tough time reaching the chapter she needed to speak with. She first tried the school but didn’t have any luck there. Then she found the NDDFS Web site. She excitedly clicked on the community’s DFS Web page on the site to find no information whatsoever about that community chapter. Thankfully this persistent donor didn’t give up. By contacting the State director, she was able to finally get in contact with the community chapter she was trying so hard to donate to.

Donors trying to reach you may not be that persistent. Get your information on your Web page; you never know how many dollars it could bring to your chapter.

Your Web page is getting some very exciting enhancements too! You will now have the ability

North Dakota Dollars for SCHOLARS

Our Vision { to encourage postsecondary education attendance for all North Dakota students through strong Dollars for Scholars support }

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Make A Donation: Donations to the Divide County Area Dollars for Scholars Chapter can be made by mailing them to our chapter address at PO Box 54, Crosby, ND 58730. For information regarding setting up a gift to our endowment kind contact Margaret A. (Peg) Nygaard at (701) 965-6603, by e-mail @pegnygaard@hotmail.com or by mail at PO Box 6, Crosby, ND 58730

Donors:

History and Mission:
Divide County Dollars for Scholars was formed in 1991 for the purpose of providing scholarships to graduates of Divide County High School.

Board Members:
Mary Jane Chouvetter, President; Jim Simonson, Vice President; Jamie Lee, Secretary; Debra Adman, Treasurer; Board Members: Grant Haugland, Lee Lampert, Felle Lund, John Forslund, Margaret (Peg) Nygaard and School Liaison Carrie Lampert. Student Board Members: Mariah Jacobs, Trevor Thorne

to upload your chapter scholarship application, upload newsletters, add additional links, and have an area to promote your upcoming events and fundraisers. You will receive information regarding all of this soon.

The State chapter is pleased to be able to offer you an online presence. Please take advantage of this opportunity and update your page! To get started, contact Lori Sayler for easy, step-by-step instructions. She will provide you with your chapter’s specific password to start the process.

We encourage you to send your thoughts and suggestions regarding the site to continue moving it forward to make it the one-stop-shop for everyone interested in Dollars for Scholars.

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