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North Dakota Dollars for Scholars Announces New Scholarships & Web Site

Bismarck, **ND**: North Dakota Dollars for Scholars (NDDFS) is pleased to announce that the state's students now have more opportunities for scholarships. The partnership between NDDFS and Bank of North Dakota, along with Scheels Foundation 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 Dollars for Scholars chapter.

- <u>Dr. Fradkin Regional Community Service Scholarships</u> Eight \$500 scholarships are available to high school seniors within a Dollars for Scholars community who excel in community service.
- Vocational/Technical/Trade School Scholarships Twenty \$500 scholarships are
 available to high school senior students within a DFS community who will be attending a
 vocational or technical/trade school. The Joann Link Hetzel memorial endowment
 specifically contributes to these scholarships.
- Returning Students/Graduate Students Scholarship Forty \$500 scholarships are available to students who are returning second-, third- or fourth-year students or graduate students pursuing an undergraduate or masters degree or technical/vocational degree. The James A. Guy endowment specifically contributes to these scholarships.

Thanks to partnerships and 2008 donations, this is the first time NDDFS has been able to give scholarship dollars to students other than first-year students. The State chapter sees this as a very important accomplishment.

"Coming in as a freshman, it certainly helps to have a scholarship to get your foot in the door at school," said Lori Sayler, NDDFS State Director. "The opportunities for scholarships get pretty slim after that first year and school doesn't cost any less. The Returning Students/Graduate Students Scholarship helps to fill a need that is most often overlooked."

To find out more about these and other scholarship opportunities, visit the **new** NDDFS Web site at www.nddfs.org. More details and applications are available online. *Students are advised to start now as applications are due by May 1, 2009. Applications for returning undergraduate and graduate students are due by June 10, 2009.