



News Release
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Sanford Health Sponsors Dollars for Scholars Scholarships

BISMARCK- **November 12, 2010** - North Dakota Dollars for Scholars (NDDFS) is pleased to announce that a new Sanford Health scholarship will be given to our state's students who are pursuing a medical career. Sanford Health has contributed \$5,000 for this scholarship which will be matched by contributions from Scheels and Bank of North Dakota for a total of \$10,000. Preference will be given to students served by a Sanford community.

The shortage of medical professionals, especially in our rural communities, makes this scholarship particularly important to North Dakota. Mike Begeman, Sanford Health Public Affairs, said, "Educating our best and brightest is one of Sanford's key initiatives, helping ensure quality healthcare across our state for years to come by growing our own future medical professionals."

Sanford Health is an integrated health system headquartered in Fargo, ND and Sioux Falls, SD and consists of two long-standing organizations that merged in 2009. Sanford is now the largest, rural, not-for-profit healthcare system in the nation with a presence in 110 communities in eight states.

North Dakota has 84 nonprofit Dollars for Scholars chapters that distribute more than \$1.3 million to North Dakota's students each year. For more information, visit www.nddfs.org.

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