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## **Gananda Dollars for Scholars Announces Three New Scholarships for 2015**

Gananda Dollars for Scholars (GDFS) is pleased to announce the addition of three new scholarships that will be handed out at our awards ceremony in June. Gananda seniors have until April 7<sup>th</sup> to complete their on-line profiles, scholarship matches, essays, references, and volunteer logs to be eligible for scholarships in 2015.

The first sponsor is Physician Business Solutions in Rochester. The billing management service company is providing a \$250 award to an applicant that meets Gananda Dollars for Scholars standards in the areas of academics, extra-curricular activities, community service, work experience and character.

Steinmiller Associates, Inc. of Webster is another new sponsor this year. The company includes two Gananda graduates, Kristin Steinmiller Germick and Robyn Steinmiller O'Grady. It is also sponsoring a \$250 award to an applicant that meets Gananda Dollars for Scholars standards.

The third new award is the Re/Max I Heart My Hometown Scholarship. Sponsored by Gananda resident and Re/Max certified buyer representative Brad Newton, the \$300 scholarship will be awarded to two graduating seniors (1 boy and 1 girl) who submit an original written work, essay, poem, video, song, or visual art that best shows Gananda Pride. The award is also renewable for up to 3 years.

GDFS President Heather Keenan said, "We are grateful to our new award sponsors for recognizing the importance of scholarships for our Gananda students. With the addition of these three scholarships, Gananda Dollars for Scholars will be announcing over 50 awards in June. We are able to achieve our goal of awarding scholarships to students with a strong work ethic who contribute to their community."

An important requirement for student eligibility for Gananda Dollars for Scholars awards is volunteer service in GDFS activities. In addition to working with the district's senior citizens residing at Gananda Gardens, students can attend our monthly meetings, join in neighborhood caroling in the winter, and assist with the phone-a-thon in the spring.

GDFS scholarship recipients will be announced at a special ceremony in the High School auditorium on June 8. The public is invited to attend and congratulate the students on their many excellent achievements and their volunteer participation in the community.

For more information about GDFS and its activities, you can visit our website at: [www.gananda.org/gdfs](http://www.gananda.org/gdfs), or e-mail Gananda Dollars for Scholars at [gdfscolars@gananda.org](mailto:gdfscolars@gananda.org). Meetings are held at the Ruben A. Cirillo High School library at 7:00 pm the first Tuesday of each month. New ideas and volunteers are always welcome.