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Substantial Leadership Scholarship Established through NDDFS
Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation Leadership Scholarship Now Available to ND Students

North Dakota students who plan to attend any North Dakota post-secondary education institution or one in the Red River Valley (Concordia, MSUM, or Crookston) have the opportunity to apply for a unique and significant scholarship.

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars (NDDFS) today announced the establishment of the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation Leadership Scholarship. The overall goal of this program is to develop future leaders who intend to return to a community in North Dakota.

This unique opportunity could include:

- \$12,000 for IRS allowable post-secondary expenses, to include qualifying study abroad program
- \$3,000 for tuition and fees to participate in a North Dakota leadership program
- Opportunities to “give back” to North Dakota and encourage others to participate in the Edson and Margaret Larson Leadership program including public speaking engagements
- Opportunities to serve on statewide boards and committees

Specific application criteria can be found on the NDDFS website under “Scholarships” at www.nddfs.org.

Edson Larson was a successful farmer and Army Air Corp member who served overseas and as a legal clerk while stationed in the United States. Margaret Brunsdale, daughter of former North Dakota Governor Norman Brunsdale, studied at Concordia College and graduated from Wellesley College.

Edson and Margaret married and made their home in Mayville. Before Edson passed away, he arranged to have his estate used for a number of charitable purposes, including the establishment of this significant leadership scholarship for North Dakota students.

The first three scholarships will be awarded in July of 2011.

To learn more about this scholarship, interested individuals may contact Deb Gebeke, at 701-866-1137 or Lianne Rockstad at 701-361-3484 (NDDFS board members). To learn more about North Dakota Dollars for Scholars, please visit www.nddfs.org.

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