

## Chapter News

### Cass County Electric Cooperative Sponsors Scholarships

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

Each chapter will select a winner from its pool of applicants and forward the name, address, and parent's name of each winner, **along with a photo** (electronic photo is best and it can be obtained from the school) to Jane Lindemann ([jlindemann@kwh.com](mailto:jlindemann@kwh.com)) at CCEC **no later than May 20, 2008**. When CCEC receives information from all chapters, each local chapter treasurer will receive the \$500.

### Dakota Community Bank Donates

Jill Magnus of Dakota Community Bank presented a \$500 check to Jan Pratt, president of Mandan Dollars for Scholars, to sponsor a scholarship to a 2008 Mandan graduating senior. Dakota Community Bank has been a supporter of Mandan DFS for three years.



Jan Pratt and Jill Magnus

## Reminders

### Register Chapter Board Members

If you have not already done so, please register your Board Members with Scholarship America to access the Chapter Portal on Scholarship America's Web site. The process is simple:

- e-mail [dfichtner@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:dfichtner@scholarshipamerica.org) with your chapter's name, a board member's name and e-mail address. Deb Fichtner will get you registered.
- Scholarship America will send you a confirmation e-mail with your login and password. [http://scholarshipamerica.org/dollars\\_for\\_scholars.php](http://scholarshipamerica.org/dollars_for_scholars.php) <http://chapterportal.saportal.org/metadot/index.pl>

### Seeking Nominations

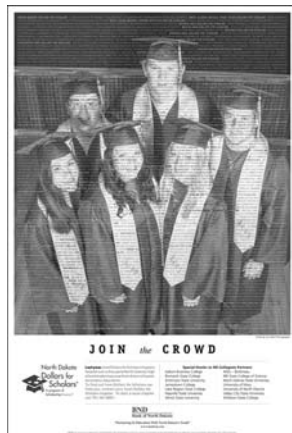
- The ND Dollars for Scholars Governing Board is seeking new board members with chapter experience. The Board is accepting nominations and welcomes chapter input. The Governing Board consists of at least 12 members, and each member serves three years. If you are interested in joining the State Board to grow Dollars for Scholars beyond your community, please contact Lori Saylor via e-mail at [lori.saylor@nddfs.org](mailto:lori.saylor@nddfs.org).

### Contact Colleges

- Please send your scholarship recipient list to the appropriate colleges in May, shortly after awarding your scholarships. The financial aid offices need these lists to award financial aid packages to students.

### Chapter Posters

- Chapter Publicity Posters were mailed to your chapter presidents in January 2008. This year's poster again was donated by Bank of North Dakota. Lori Mack Photography donated the photography work which featured graduates from Adams-Edmore, and Knight Printing printed the piece. Please use this poster in your publicity and promotion work in your local communities.



## Schedule of Events

### April:

#### State Director:

- Visit to Scholarship America in St. Peter, MN
- Mohall, Lansford, Sherwood community meeting to discuss Dollars for Scholars chapter
- Presentation to Young Professional Network in Bismarck

### May:

- State Chapter Board of Directors Meeting with new Board members
- Student applications due to State Office for the eight Community Service scholarships
- Registration and agenda information for the June DFS workshop will be sent to Chapter Presidents
- Devils Lake community meeting to discuss Dollars for Scholars chapter

### June:

- June 14: Chapter workshop in Fargo at West Acres Shopping Mall in the Community Room
- June 28: Chapter workshop in Bismarck at Bank of North Dakota
- Student recipients notified of Community Service scholarships

### July:

#### State Director:

- Visit Collegiate Partners (Colleges) in North Dakota to review award process for scholarships

## Fundraising Tips

The recently completed DFS survey harvested great fundraising ideas, which you see below. Please continue to send in any fundraising ideas to share with all local chapters!

- Door to door campaign by a student organization such as Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society
- Ice cream social following the Awards Ceremony
- Mother's Day flowers - partner with a local greenhouse for beautiful potted plants
- Phone-a-thon
- Mass mailings to alumni
- Summer event - a food stand at a local summer event and require all scholarship recipients to work the booth
- Live and silent auction - \$20/person for free food and drink plus the auctions

## Thank You

Donating dollars, donating volunteer time. Without our donors, Dollars for Scholars wouldn't exist. You are appreciated!

### Specifically:

Thank you to the 2008 donors who have pledged dollars to the ND State Dollars for Scholars, pass through scholarships, and endowed scholarships.

- MDU Resources Foundation
- Scheels Foundation
- Northland Financial
- Otter Tail Power Company
- Security State Bank of Wishek
- State Bank & Trust
- Union State Bank of Hazen
- Brady Martz & Associates
- West Acres Mall
- Art and Grace Link (Joann Link Hetzel Memorial)
- Brad and Julie Burgum
- James A. Guy Memorial

## NDDFS Partners With Bank of North Dakota

In an exciting new partnership, North Dakota Dollars for Scholars (NDDFS) teamed with Bank of North Dakota (BND) as of January 1, 2008.

BND, the only state-owned bank in the nation, already supports a number of initiatives such as student loans; College Information Service, a free information program; the North Dakota Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy; and the administration of College SAVE, North Dakota's 529 education savings plan.

"Bank of North Dakota is proud to partner with Dollars for Scholars," said Eric Hardmeyer, BND president. "Lori Saylor of BND will work as the NDDFS Director to assist local chapters and maintain regular communications with Scholarship America. She will promote and organize chapter trainings, and cultivate strong relationships with Collegiate Partners in North Dakota. BND also will dedicate resources for public relations, assistance with statewide fundraising opportunities, and Web site management."

Look for a new and improved Web site within the next year. It will be the place to look for new information. The new site will include an archive



Left to Right: Chuck Stroup, DFS Governing Board Vice President; Lori Saylor, DFS State Director; Deb Gebeke, DFS Governing Board Secretary; and Past Director Eric Hardmeyer, BND President

for past newsletters, a News & Events section from local and state chapters, as well as a listing of "Best Practices" and more.

Scheels, a long-time financial supporter of North Dakota Dollars for Scholars, will continue to assist the organization's initiatives, and encourages other businesses to become involved as North Dakota Dollars for Scholars moves forward in this new venture.

Below is a chart that details the role that the State Chapter plays, along with the duties of Scholarship America.



Left to Right: Lori Saylor, DFS State Director assisting Karen Workman, DFS volunteer, at the DFS office located inside BND

Scholarship America: <i>Please check the Chapter Portal for all necessary forms!</i>	NDDFS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 1, 2008: Year end financial report due</li> <li>• Proof of Bonding</li> <li>• October 1, 2008: Roster of Chapter Board members and Scholarship Recipient list due</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start new chapters</li> <li>• Serve as resource for existing local chapters</li> <li>• Serve as liaison between local chapters and Scholarship America</li> <li>• Offer North Dakota training to local chapters</li> <li>• Provide additional scholarships to North Dakota students</li> <li>• Produce state newsletter</li> <li>• Develop and manage new Web site</li> </ul>



Eight EXTRA Scholarship Opportunities from NDDFS State Chapter

The new partnership with Bank of North Dakota allows North Dakota Dollars for Scholars State chapter to offer more scholarships to North Dakota students.

Eight \$500 scholarships will be available to students who excel in Community Service.

The application process is simple. Each graduating senior may submit his or her local chapter's DFS application form, along with a senior wallet photo for publicity purposes, to the State Chapter. Your local DFS awards committee also may choose to review the applications and forward those which apply.

Please get the word out to all seniors in schools qualifying for DFS awards from your chapter and also notify your school counselors.

Send all applications postmarked no later than May 1, 2008 to:

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars Attn: Lori Sayler PO Box 5509 Bismarck, ND 58506

or via e-mail at lori.sayler@nddfs.org

Winners will be notified in early June, 2008. Checks will be sent to the colleges in November for use during the second semester of school.

College Planning - Made Easy!

Student Loans of North Dakota (SLND) has been helping students and their families reach the dream of higher education for 25 years.



SLND is a great place to start for help with financial aid and every step along the way to paying for higher education. Students, parents, counselors - anyone can access the "College Planning Made Easy" guide online with helpful links to:

- Information and links for schools in the region
Scholarship information
Native American Opportunities
Saving for college
How to get started with the college process

Find all of this information at mystudentloanonline.nd.gov and click on "College Planning Made Easy."

College Information Service, a free information service provided by SLND, is available both online at bndsl@nd.gov or by phone at (800) 554-2717. It doesn't matter if a student is planning to attend school in North Dakota or somewhere else, CIS can help answer some of the most challenging college-related questions.



New Chapter Incentives

The ND State Dollars for Scholars chapter is excited 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.

ATTENTION: DFS Chapter Workshop Opportunity

Mark your calendar! The ND Dollars for Scholars State chapter is offering a free workshop to all local chapters in June 2008.

A Letter from Lori, NDDFS State Director

There's been a flurry of activity for NDDFS since January 1 - and I am so excited and proud to be a part of it! As you've read inside, this new partnership between BND and NDDFS means great things for all DFS chapters across the state.

Hi! I am Lori Sayler, the new State Director. In each newsletter I will have a column to tell you what's happening with NDDFS from my perspective. My background in student loans is helpful in this new role, as I bring knowledge about student loan programs, scholarships, and grant programs to the table.

My passion for Dollars for Scholars started three years ago while participating in BND's Leadership program. Our team established a DFS chapter in both Bismarck and Mandan, and I have continued to serve on the Mandan Board of Directors.



Lori Sayler

The ND Dollars for Scholars Governing Board is delighted with this partnership support. We appreciate BND and other corporations for sharing the Governing Board's vision of encouraging postsecondary attendance for all North Dakota students.

I've heard from many of you that you're concerned about the lack of involvement from your community. I am happy to visit your community, meet with potential new members, and work with you to encourage involvement. I am eager to meet with our Collegiate Partners to discuss the award process and what this means for Dollars for Scholars scholarships.

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Welcome Jamestown, Our Newest Affiliate Chapter

NDDFS Celebrates "80!"

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars is proud to announce its newest affiliate chapter - the Jamestown Education Board. Jamestown came on board in December of last year.

"I am very enthused about Jamestown's affiliation with Dollars for Scholars," said Casey Stout, Jamestown DFS president. "We are administering many generous scholarships already. With the help of Dollars for Scholars, we plan to raise additional funds to help get even more deserving students into college."

Organizations that affiliate with Dollars for Scholars already have their own 501c3 charitable tax-exempt status and existing by-laws.

Advantages of being part of Dollars for Scholars are numerous!
• Collegiate Partner program

- Use of DFS logo at fundraisers
Resources and assistance from State Chapter and Scholarship America

All funds raised through Dollars for Scholars will go directly to scholarships for students. Congratulations, Jamestown Education Board on becoming the 80th Dollars for Scholars chapter in North Dakota!

Jamestown Public Education Board Foundation:

Casey Stout, President; Becky Wahl, Treasurer; Tena Lawrence, Vice President; Chuck Axtman, Board Member; Ken Dalsted, Board Member; Robert Toso, Board Member; Larry Ukestad, Board Member; Vicki Walsh, Board Member; Bob Richardson, Board Member

Dollars for Scholars Turns 50

Turning one dollar into \$2 billion is the type of return on an investment that any investor would be happy to see. That's the type of return Dr. Irving Fradkin was celebrating on the 50th anniversary of the Dollars for Scholars program - which gathered one of its first dollars from Eleanor Roosevelt.

Since that first year when \$4,500 was awarded to 24 local students, Fradkin has seen his dream grow into an international success that includes 1,300 chapters in 41 states and 1,200 corporations, businesses and foundations that have scholarships administered by Scholarship America, an off-shoot of Dollars for Scholars.

"This is the type of program that can make a difference, and that's

why I do what I do," Fradkin said. The hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships have helped students recognize the potential to succeed.

"If you give these kids a dream and help support it, then we will change them," Fradkin said. "When you give people a dream you can change them."

For Fradkin, who turned 87 in March, the message will be the same. "When you give someone a dream and hope, you never know what could happen."

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Irving Fradkin