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NATIONAL DAIRY SHRINE SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Dairy Shrine is again looking for applications for its annual awarding of over \$40,000 in scholarships. Applications must be completed by May 1. Official scholarship application award forms are available on the NDS web site, www.dairyshrine.org.

The Dairy Student Recognition Program recognizes and rewards graduating seniors planning a career related to dairy production. There will be a \$1,500 cash award given to the winner, a \$1,000 reward for second place, and three to seven \$500 cash awards depending on the number and quality of applicants.

The National Dairy Shrine/Dairy Management, Inc. (DMI) Milk Marketing Scholarships are available to encourage students to pursue careers in the marketing of dairy products. The winner receives a \$1500 scholarship while the other winners receive \$1000 scholarships. Six to nine winners are recognized annually. DMI provides scholarship dollars for scholarship and several other NDS scholarships.

The Kildee Scholarships are offered in two categories. Graduate study applicants may include the top 25 All-American contestants in one of the past three National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Contests plus the Platinum winners in the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge National contests and these students are eligible to apply for two \$3000 scholarships. Undergraduate students may apply in their junior or senior year of college for one \$2000 Kildee Undergraduate scholarship. Applicants for this scholarship must have been one of the top 25 contestants at the National 4-H or FFA Dairy Judging Contests.

Two NDS/McCullough scholarships of \$2500 and \$1,000 are awarded annually to high school seniors intending to enter a four year college or university and major in: Dairy/Animal Science with a Communications emphasis or Agriculture Journalism with a Dairy/Animal Science emphasis.

There will be one NDS/Iager Dairy Scholarship awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to a second year college student in a two-year agricultural college. This scholarship is sponsored from a fund created by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Iager of Fulton, Maryland.

There will be one NDS/Core Dairy Scholarship awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to a freshman college student in a four year agricultural college. This scholarship is sponsored from a fund created in honor of Maurice E. Core long-time industry leader and past Executive Director of National Dairy Shrine.

There are four NDS/Klussendorf scholarships given in the amount of \$2,000 to students in their first, second, or third year at a two or four year college or university. Applicants need to major in Dairy or Animal Science with intentions to enter the dairy cattle field.

There are two NDS/McKown scholarships given in the amount of \$2,000 to students in their first, second, or third year at a two or four year college or university. Applicants need to major in Dairy or Animal Science with intentions to enter the dairy cattle field.

If you would like to apply for any of these scholarships, please visit the NDS website at www.dairyshrine.org to download the applications. If you have any questions, please contact the NDS office at info@dairyshrine.org. Winners of these awards will be announced in this summer, with the presentation of awards to be held at the annual NDS awards banquet in Madison, Wisconsin on Thursday, September 30, 2010.