MSI Announces Scholarships

The Moving & Storage Institute awards its 2009 winners.

MSI awarded scholarships to six outstanding students for the 2009/2010 academic year, including the first $5,000 award funded by the National Association of Independent Truckers (NAIT). The financial awards are given through the David Brodsky, Russell Schofield and MSI Scholarship program primarily intended to provide partial tuition assistance to deserving students who plan to pursue a course of study that would have an impact on household goods moving and storage. The program is administered by Scholarship America, the nation’s largest nonprofit, private sector scholarship and educational support organization, and final award decisions are made by the governing board of the MSI.

The 2009 scholarship recipients were chosen based on a combination of criteria, including academic record, leadership and participation in school, community activities, honors, work experience, goals and aspirations stated in the application, unusual personal or family circumstances, financial need, and an outside recommendation. Scholarships are awarded to students who attend a two- or four-year accredited college, university or technical institute. Recipients or their families must work for or be affiliated with a moving and storage company or van line.

Following is a brief profile of each of the six exceptional students. Tiya Sykes is the recipient of the $5,000 NAIT scholarship and the other five each received a $1,000 scholarship for the 2009/2010 academic year.

Tiya Sykes is a junior at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo, majoring in business. Tiya is the daughter of Kenneth and Theresa McClendon and she works for Graebel Van Lines.

Aimee Butler is a senior at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich., majoring in marketing. Aimee is the daughter of Dennis and Kim Butler and she works for Stevens Worldwide Van Lines.

Lacey Carlstrom is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in Madison, Wis., majoring in business. Lacey is the daughter of Jim and Kelly Carlstrom and her father works for Barrett Moving & Storage.

Julie Costello is a freshman at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Conn., majoring in biology. Julie is the daughter of Carol and Donald Costello and her father works for Kaster Moving.

Aislinn Sweeney is a sophomore at Salisbury University in Md, majoring in Accounting. Aislinn is the daughter of Dave and Mary Sweeney and her mother works for Meadows Van & Storage.

Anna Warner is a junior at the University of Washington in Seattle, majoring in accounting. Originally from Lacey, Wash., Anna is the daughter of Don and Lisa Warner and her father works for Olympic Moving & Storage.

Congratulations to these very deserving students. We wish them great success as they complete their education and prepare to enter the workforce.

Additional information about the MSI Scholarship program is available online at www.promover.org, under the MSI tab. Applications for 2010 awards are now being accepted.