The Moving & Storage Institute (MSI) has awarded $15,000 in scholarships to 10 extraordinary students for the 2011-12 academic year. The top award of $5,000 was funded with a generous donation from the National Association of Independent Truckers, while AMSA member donations to the David Brodsky, Russell Schofield and MSI Scholarship Program funded one $2,000 scholarship and eight $1,000 scholarships.

The program has awarded nearly $150,000 to employees, children and families of AMSA-member companies who are pursuing a course of study that may have an impact on the household goods moving and storage industry.

This year’s candidates were chosen based on criteria including academic achievement, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, financial need and an outside recommendation. The program is administered by Scholarship America, the nation’s largest non-profit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organization, and final award decisions are made by the MSI board. Following are brief profiles of the 2011 recipients:

Josh Caltrider is in his fourth year of study at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, majoring in business. He is the son of John and Gina Caltrider, and he is an employee at Albert Moving & Storage in Wichita Falls, Tex. Josh is a member of the Tau Sigma Honor Society and he is a member of the SMU crew team.

Hannah Debo is in her third year of study at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, majoring in business. She is the daughter of Brian and Claudette Debo and her father works at Debo Moving and Storage in Aliquippa, Pa. Hannah is regularly on the dean’s list, and she is a student leader for Fellowship of Catholic University Students.

Aaron Goodwin is in his fourth year of study at Norwood University in Midland, Mich., majoring in business. He is the son of Robert and Johanna Struck and his mother works at Changing Places Moving in Waterford, Mich. Aaron's recent activities include working as a moving consultant at Changing Places Moving, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, snow skiing and water skiing. He is the recipient of a Stafford Memorial Dinner Scholarship.

Christopher Hughes is in his second year of study at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Ind., majoring in business administration. He is the son of Kevin and Cathy Hughes and his mother works at Atlas Van Lines in Evansville. Christopher has earned academic honors at USI, and trained as a volunteer firefighter at McCutchenville Fire Dept.

Mary Lewis is in her second year of study at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, majoring in business. She is the daughter of David and Elaine Lewis and her father works at Lewis & Michael in Dayton, Ohio. Mary is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, she plays intramural soccer, and she spent her summer employed as a counselor at a residential summer camp for mentally and physically disabled adults.

Kimberly McCord is in her fifth year of study at Troy University in Troy, Ala., majoring in accounting. She is the daughter of Chris and Nancy Meyer, and she is an employee of Coleman American in Midland City, Ala. Kimberly is on the provost list at Troy.

Ashley Nash is a freshman at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tenn., majoring in business. She is the daughter of John and Tammie Nash, and her father works at J.R. Nash Moving and Storage in Cookeville. Ashley was president of the Student Executive Council during her senior year of high school.

Andrew Pflaum is a freshman at the University of Maryland in College Park, majoring in business. He is the son of Milton and Amy Pflaum, and his father works at Bayshore Transportation Systems in Newark, Del. Andrew is an Eagle Scout, a member of the National Honor Society, and a varsity lacrosse team member.

Matthew Stierhoff is in his second year of study at Ohio State University, majoring in business/accounting. He is the son of Mike and Marcia Stierhoff, and his father works at Superior Mobility in Lorain, Ohio. Matthew is on the dean’s list, is an Ohio State Provost Scholarship recipient, and plays soccer and baseball.

Myles Stierhoff is in his second year of study at Ohio State University, majoring in business logistics. He is the son of Mike and Marcia Stierhoff, and his father works at Superior Mobility in Lorain, Ohio. Myles plays soccer and baseball and performs volunteer work in the community.