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**FiSCA AWARDS \$62,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO 31 OUTSTANDING
COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS**

*Program Has Awarded \$592,000 to 256 Deserving Students
From Across The Country Over The Past Eleven Years*

(Hackensack, NJ, August 3, 2010) – For the eleventh consecutive year, the Financial Service Centers of America (FiSCA) has awarded scholarships to college bound seniors from communities across the United States serviced by its members. This year 31 exemplary students each received a cash grant of \$2,000 to use toward their college expenses. In total, \$62,000 in scholarships was awarded.

The competition for the scholarships is intense, with more than 1,400 high school seniors applying for the 31 awards. All applications are ranked by first regional and then national review committees. The criteria for the scholarships include:

- Commitment to community service
- Perseverance in the face of significant obstacles
- Display of leadership skills in school
- Academic Achievement
- An original essay written specifically for the competition

“This is an important time to support students in their pursuit of higher education,” said Sanford Herman, Chairman, FiSCA Scholarship Program. “Especially in these difficult economic times, individual FiSCA members as well as MoneyGram International and Western Union, our national sponsors, understand the importance of helping students achieve their academic dreams. They are committed to the FiSCA Scholarship Program and to the communities they serve. Our industry leaders understand that investing in America’s future is in everyone’s best interests.”

With this year’s awards FiSCA has awarded \$592,000 in college grants to 256 deserving students across the country since the program’s inception in 1999. The scholarship program is funded by the voluntary contributions of FiSCA members and affiliate members, as well as national sponsors MoneyGram International and Western Union.

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“FiSCA’s members are committed to serving as positive role models, and this scholarship program is a primary means of giving back to those communities where we live and work,” said Herman. “Giving these students a chance to continue their education is an honor for us.”

The winners of the 2010 FiSCA Scholarship Program include:

Winner	Location	High School
East		
Jallicia Alicia Jolly	Brooklyn, NY	Secondary School for Law
Stephanie M. Weiner	Bellmore, NY	John F. Kennedy High School
Durrell W. O'Neal	Bronx, NY	Millennium Art Academy
Neel P. Shah	Burlington, MA	Burlington High School
Mildred O. Aroko	Salem, MA	Salem Academy Charter School
John R. Fornear	Pittsburgh, PA	Upper St. Clair High School
Abdul M. Hafiz	Staten Island, NY	Susan E. Wagner High School
Southeast		
Janaye A. McGrew	Lithia, FL	Newsome High School
Katelyn E. Massie	Dyersberg, TN	Dyer County High School
Rebecca S. Friedman	Fairfax, VA	Thomas Jefferson HS for Science & Technology
Sarah E. Addo	Woodbridge, VA	Potomac Senior High School
Abigail J. Figaro	Rembroke Pines, FL	Charles W. Flanagan High School
Midwest		
Alexandra Justine Olivares	Dubuque, IA	Dubuque Senior High School
Chelsea L. Wezensky	Livonia, MI	Churchill High School
Adam M. Heal	Prairie Du Chien, WI	Prairie du Chien Senior High School
Haley Lynne Stercic	Chicago, IL	Marist High School
Jamese M. Dunlap	Chicago, IL	Whitney M. Young Magnet High School
Matthew J. Muzic	Concord Twp., OH	Riverside High School
Southwest		
Mackenzie L. Jacoby	Provo, UT	Walden School of Liberal Arts
Jeffrey R. McDaniels	Del Rio, TX	Del Rio High School
Samantha B. Italiano	Evergreen, CO	Conifer High School
Christiana P. Shams	Lafayette, CO	Alexander Dawson School
Danielle A. Banks	Allen, TX	Allen High School
Kayla J. Davis	Stillwater, OK	Stillwater High School
Cadie Elaine Carroll	San Antonio, TX	John Marshall High School
West		
Alyssa R. Nilles	Medical Lake, WA	Medical Lake High School
Shannon R. Esswein	Simi Valley, CA	Simi Valley High School
Erin K. Turner	Skamokawa, WA	Wahkiakum High School

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Rachel A. Friedman	Simi Valley, CA	Santa Susana High School
Laurie J. Fraker	El Centro, CA	Central Union High School
Peiwei Zhang	North Las Vegas, NV	Edward W. Clark High School

About FiSCA

FiSCA, founded in 1987, is the national trade association for more than 6,500 individual financial service centers across the United States. FiSCA members provide a wide variety of financial services and products to their communities, including check cashing, money orders, money transfers, and electronic bill payment services, automatic teller machine access, government benefit and payroll payments, small dollar short-term loans, electronic tax preparation, prepaid debit cards, deposit acceptance services, public transportation fare and token sales, motor vehicle license plate and title distribution, postage stamp sales and numerous other services. For more information, please visit www.fisca.org.

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