

**REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO THE  
WEST VIRGINIA ELKS ASSOCIATION AT ITS 2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

The West Virginia Elks Association Scholarship Committee had another outstanding year. With regard to the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program, West Virginia selected 20 new winners. Our top four State winners had their Applications forwarded to the Elks National Foundation for further consideration, and are guaranteed of receiving a national award from the Elks National Foundation of at least \$1,000 a year for four years. In addition, 16 other high school seniors will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship from the West Virginia Elks Association.

Our top four State winners are:

1. Anna Gravier  
Princeton Lodge No. 1459
2. Carole Ann Bradley  
Huntington Lodge No. 313
3. Matthew Giesmann  
Wellsburg Lodge No. 1553
4. Robert Guy  
Wheeling Lodge No. 28

In addition, the following 16 individuals have also been selected to receive a one-time State Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 each:

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| 1. John Alatis<br>Weirton Lodge No. 1801       | 9. Jessica Kincaid<br>St. Marys Lodge No. 1701             |
| 2. Jamie Bush<br>Huntington Lodge No. 313      | 10. Justin Lego<br>Hinton Lodge No. 821                    |
| 3. Jessica Carr<br>Fairmont Lodge No. 294      | 11. Thomas Lewis<br>St. Marys Lodge No. 1701               |
| 4. Brett Floyd<br>Clarksburg Lodge No. 482     | 12. Maria Miller<br>Wheeling Lodge No. 28                  |
| 5. Krysta Frye<br>Wheeling Lodge No. 28        | 13. Eric Morris<br>Fairmont Lodge No. 294                  |
| 6. Joshua Hapney<br>Charleston Lodge No. 202   | 14. Charlotte Kirby-O'Connell<br>Martinsburg Lodge No. 778 |
| 7. Jessica Harvey<br>Buckhannon Lodge No. 1736 | 15. Paul Picklesimer<br>Williamson Lodge No. 1408          |
| 8. Casey Jones<br>Charleston Lodge No. 202     | 16. Kaitlyn Pytlak<br>Wheeling Lodge No. 28                |

All 20 of these individuals have been invited, along with their families, to our mid-year meeting in Huntington on Saturday, August 15, 2009. I am hopeful at that time that each of you will have the opportunity to meet many of these outstanding young individuals and their families.

The Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards for the 2009-2010 academic year have also just been announced by the Elks National Foundation Office. The following three individuals will each receive a one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Elks National Foundation:

1. Mari Kolanko  
Weirton Lodge No. 1801
2. Cassidy Wells  
Wellsburg Lodge No. 1553

3. Jenna Wood  
Fairmont Lodge No. 294

Finally, only a few West Virginians continue to take advantage of monies available from the Elks National Foundation Emergency Educational Grant Program. For the 2008-2009 academic year, the following individuals received grants from that program:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dana Chapman<br/>Elkins Lodge No. 1135<br/>\$3500.00</li><li>3. Emily Carpenter<br/>St. Marys Lodge No. 1701<br/>\$2625.00</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Rebecca Haught<br/>Sistersville Lodge No. 333<br/>\$2713.73</li></ol> |
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I encourage all Lodges to make known to their members the availability of monies from the Elks National Foundation Emergency Educational Grant Program. Anyone having any questions regarding that program should contact me directly.

In closing, I wish to thank my District Chairmen for their continued outstanding assistance. They are Bill Verelst in the Northern District, Ashley Martin in the Central District, and Chris McGuffin in the Southern District. On behalf of the entire Scholarship Committee, I look forward to introducing you to many of these outstanding individuals at our mid-year meeting in Morgantown.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Miller, Chairman  
West Virginia Elks Association  
State Scholarship Committee