

**REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO THE  
WEST VIRGINIA ELKS ASSOCIATION AT ITS 2011 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 four National winners are:

1. Anna Giesmann  
Wellsburg Lodge No. 1553
2. Mary Bulriss  
Huntington Lodge No. 313
3. Jacob Robey  
Wellsburg Lodge No. 1553
4. Colin Frosch  
Fairmont Lodge No. 294

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. Lacey Cyphers<br>Mannington Lodge No. 388    | 9. Tyler Morrison<br>Parkersburg Lodge No. 198         |
| 2. Laura Dailey<br>Parkersburg Lodge No. 198    | 10. Stephanie Oddi<br>Weirton Lodge No. 1801           |
| 3. Rocky Diegmiller<br>Wheeling Lodge No. 28    | 11. Lauren Sansalone<br>Fairmont Lodge No. 294         |
| 4. David Floyd<br>Clarksburg Lodge No. 482      | 12. Madeline Schlabowski<br>Sistersville Lodge No. 333 |
| 5. Carol Good<br>Charleston Lodge No. 202       | 13. Tessie Sigman<br>Mannington Lodge No. 388          |
| 6. Sneha Gupta<br>Weirton Lodge No. 1801        | 14. Darian Spurlock<br>Huntington Lodge No. 313        |
| 7. Rachel Marteney<br>Buckhannon Lodge No. 1736 | 15. Shane Stevens<br>Huntington Lodge No. 313          |
| 8. Amber McCoy<br>Williamson Lodge No. 1408     | 16. Deirdre Tobin<br>Fairmont Lodge No. 294            |

All 20 of these individuals have been invited, along with their families, to our mid-year meeting in Bridgeport on Saturday, August 13, 2011. 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 2011-2012 academic year have also been announced by the Elks National Foundation Office. The following four individuals will each receive four year scholarships of \$1,000.00/year from the Elks National Foundation:

1. Jaclyn Clark  
Fairmont Lodge No. 294
2. Jerra Cottrill  
St. Marys Lodge No. 1701
3. Erika Hupp  
St. Marys Lodge No. 1701
4. Shane Stevens  
Huntington Lodge No. 313

Finally, only a few West Virginians continue to take advantage of monies available from the Elks National Foundation Emergency Educational Grant Program. For the 2010-2011 academic year, the following individual received a grant from that program:

1. Tiffany Lohri  
Sistersville Lodge No. 333  
\$1500

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 Weirton.

Respectfully submitted,

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