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Grocers Award \$26,500 in Scholarships

The Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation awarded **\$20,000 in scholarships** to employees or children of employees from Minnesota Grocers Association member companies. The Foundation Scholarship program serves to aid students who are related to Minnesota's retail food industry by supporting their educational growth.

Using funds raised from an annual golf event and silent auction, the Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation is able to award scholarships and community grants. This year, the Foundation received **336 applications** from **51 companies**. The twenty scholarships awarded represent the largest number ever. Despite economic conditions, this shows that Minnesota's food retail industry believes strongly in education.

Scholarships are awarded by an impartial committee of educators and based on high school records, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, and recommendations of High School officials.

This year the Piggyback Scholarship Program was introduced for members of the Minnesota Grocers Association. Three member companies participated awarding \$6,500 to employees and children of their employees.

2009 Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation winners include: Adam Backes from **Gold'n Plump Poultry**, Megan Blomberg from **Blomberg & Sons, Inc.**, Timothy Carnicom from **Russ Davis Wholesale**, Jared Goedhart from **Econofoods - Cannon Falls**, Mary Graiziger from **Dean Foods**, Kellie Isaacson from **J & B Foods**, Max Krueger from **U-Save - Roseau**, Camille LeBrec from **Cub Foods - Edina**, Samantha Lewicki from **Cub Foods - Cottage Grove**, Arissa Olien from **Old Dutch Foods, Inc.**, Adaire Ranstrom from **Dale's Foods**, Angie Rosdahl from **Jubilee Foods - Mound**, Sydney Solberg from **Byerly's - St. Louis Park**, Chad Steffl from **Hy-Vee Food Store - New Ulm**, Mariah Teerink from **Hy-Vee Food Store - Worthington**, Isaac Toenies from **Gosch's Store**, Abby Udermann from **Country Hearth/Pan-O-Gold Baking Company**, Ryan Urlick from **ACOSTA Sales & Marketing**, Anna Villano from **Nash Finch Company**, and Wesli Waters from **Lund Food Holdings, Inc.**

2009 Piggyback Scholarship winners include: from **Chris' Food Center**: Crystal DeVries, from **Jerry's Enterprises, Inc.**: Natalie Drescher, Michelle Johnson, Camille LeBrec, Dane Rasmussen and Matthew Shaak, from **Mackenthun's Fine Foods**: Timothy Knott and Megan Rademacher.

The MGA is a state trade association representing the food retail industry since 1897. We have over 200 retail members with nearly 1,200 stores statewide, as well as approximately 115 distributors and manufacturers. Our member companies employ over 85,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.