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## Grocers Award \$33,000 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 **411 applications** from **83 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 again available for members of the Minnesota Grocers Association. Five member companies participated awarding \$13,000 to employees and children of their employees.

**2010 Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation winners include:** Tanner Bauman from **KEMPS**, Rochelle Bonner from **Affiliated Foods Midwest**, Elizabeth Chatt from **Cub Foods – West St. Paul**, Stephanie Dougherty from **Econofoods - Litchfield**, Stephanie Falkowski from **Falkowski's Market**, Britney Gorman from **Hy-Vee Food Store - Rochester**, Erika Hiller from **Baxter Cub Foods**, Julia Holecek from **Dean Foods**, Daniel Kilkelly from **Cub Foods, Inc.**, Jennifer Lehman from **Hy-Vee Food Store - Rochester**, Jeffrey Nelson from **Brownlow's Red Owl**, Elizabeth Nelson from **Byerly's – St. Cloud**, Amanda Olson from **Hy-Vee Food Store - Mankato**, Nicole Prom from **Coborn's Superstore - Clearwater**, Brooke Savage from **Byron Market Place**, Benjamin Stay from **Teal's Market – Cold Spring**, Sara Tauer from **Tauer's Super Valu**, Theresa Tegdesch from **Knowlan's Super Market - Maplewood**, Megan Udermann from **Country Hearth/Pan-O-Gold Baking Company**, and Heather Zinda from **U-Save - Roseau**.

**2010 Piggyback Scholarship winners include:** from **Chris' Food Center**: James Best and Jacob Jensen, from **Dean Foods**: Kelly Graiziger, Julia Holecek, Emily Tworoski, Reba Van Beusekom, and Joshua Wells, from **Jerry's Enterprises, Inc.**: Elizabeth Chatt, Megan Claflin, Heather Duehn, Molly Jutz and Katherine Peske, from **Mackenthun's Fine Foods**: Megan Rademacher and Shane Segner, from **Teal's Management Group**: Amber Cooper and Benjamin Stay.

*The MGA is a state trade association representing the food retail industry since 1897. We have over 200 retail members with nearly 1,100 stores statewide, as well as approximately 100 distributors and manufacturers. Our member companies employ over 122,000 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.*