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Six \$1,500.00 Scholarships Available for Students from Consumers Cooperative Association

Waukegan, IL, December 16, 2008: Consumers Cooperative Association (CCA) recently announced the availability of six (6) \$1,500.00 scholarships for high school seniors on pace to graduate in 2009. CCA is the sponsor of Consumers Credit Union (CCU; \$520 M. Waukegan IL), a 50,000+ Member credit union with offices in Waukegan, Mundelein, Round Lake Beach, Gurnee and North Waukegan.

“Scholarships are one of the most important opportunities we can provide for students,” according to Gayhart Silvola, Consumers Cooperative Association President. “After all, today’s students are tomorrow’s leaders . . . and it is our responsibility to actively support higher education for our youth.”

Any high school student scheduled to graduate next spring can apply for one of the six (6) \$1500.00 scholarships. The applicant and/or parent/guardian must be a Member of Consumers Credit Union for a minimum of one (1) year to be eligible for the scholarship. Applications are available at all five Consumers Credit Union locations and online at www.myconsumers.org.

To be considered, applicants must have completed an application along with a non-returnable photo that will be featured in an upcoming issue of CCU’s newsletter, *The Reporter*, if they are awarded one of the scholarships. Applicants will be evaluated based on academic performance, financial need and leadership abilities, including community involvement. Winners must notify CCA’s Scholarship Committee of the school they will attend no later than July 15, 2009.

“Consumers Cooperative Association’s scholarship program is a great way for our sponsor to support educational excellence in the local community,” noted Sean Rathjen, CCU President. “The credit union and its Members appreciate the leadership demonstrated by Consumers Cooperative Association in supporting the academic development of students.”

Interested applicants should include their official high school transcript, through their junior year, along with a copy of their first semester grades from the current academic year. Deadline for applications is February 1, 2009. For more information about Consumers Cooperative Association’s scholarship program, please contact Karen Jarrett, CCU’s Human Resources Manager, at (847) 265-5517. Consumers Credit Union is Member-owned, with offices in Waukegan, Mundelein, Round Lake Beach, Gurnee, North Waukegan and online at www.myconsumers.org – with a new office opening soon in Volo, Illinois!