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Six \$1,500.00 Scholarships Available For Local Students From Consumers Cooperative Association

Waukegan, IL, September 15, 2009: Consumers Cooperative Association (CCA) recently announced the availability of six (6) \$1,500.00 scholarships for high school seniors who are on pace to graduate in 2010. CCA is the sponsor of Consumers Credit Union (CCU; \$530 M. Waukegan, IL) with offices in Waukegan, Mundelein, Round Lake Beach, Gurnee, North Waukegan and Volo.

“Consumers Cooperative Association’s scholarship program is a great way for our sponsor to take a leadership role in the local community,” noted Sean Rathjen, CCU President. “Educational scholarships are one of the most important opportunities we can provide for students. After all, today’s students are tomorrow’s leaders . . . and it’s our responsibility to support higher education endeavors for our youth. The credit union and its Members appreciate the active role Consumers Cooperative Association has taken to encourage the future academic development of these students.”

High school students 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 now available at all local area high schools. Starting October 1st, the applications will also be available at all six Consumers Credit Union locations and online at www.myconsumers.org.

To be considered, applicants must complete 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 on academic performance, financial need and leadership abilities, including community involvement.

“Consumers Cooperative Association is pleased to have the opportunity to provide scholarships for area students,” said Elizabeth Oldham, the organization’s President. “We look forward to receiving and reviewing applications from many, many students . . . and to awarding scholarships to the winners.”

Interested applicants should include their official high school transcript, through their junior year, along with a copy of the first semester grades from the current academic year. Applications ***must be received*** by December 31, 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 now in Volo . . . and online at www.myconsumers.org.