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Dear Chapter Presidents:

Dollars for Scholars[®], a program of Scholarship America[®], is pleased to send you the 2009 Community Volunteer Service Award (CVSA) application. These awards encourage, expand, and reward community volunteer service while also applauding and supporting academic excellence.

BEFORE DISTRIBUTING THE APPLICATIONS, please take a moment to print the name of your Dollars for Scholars chapter and sign your name in the "Certification Section" on the second page of the application. Photocopy the application as needed and distribute the application to eligible students. A copy of the application is also found on the Chapter Portal, in the Info/Forms-Student Applications section: <http://chapterportal.saportal.org> for you to print, sign, and distribute. Have the students complete the application and send, along with a copy of their transcript, to Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 297, St. Peter, MN 56082 by the postmark deadline of **March 16, 2009**.

STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE to apply if they are enrolled or planning to enroll full-time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school and are entering an **undergraduate** program of study. Adult students entering or resuming a postsecondary **undergraduate** program of study are also eligible, as are past recipients of the award. Full-time study is defined as full-term enrollment for the entire upcoming academic year.

APPLICANTS ARE EVALUATED on their level of volunteer community service over the past four years. Recipients are selected by the level of volunteer service as well as the student's academic achievement, work experience, school activities and a statement of goals.

IF SELECTED AS A RECIPIENT, the student will receive a \$500 nonrenewable award. Recipients will be notified by mail in May. Dollars for Scholars chapter presidents will also be notified by mail at that time.

RECIPIENTS WILL RECEIVE a Scholarship Acknowledgement Form (SAF) that must be signed and returned to Dollars for Scholars. Signing the application and SAF constitute permission to use the recipient's name for purposes of advertising or trade in Scholarship America publicity. No other obligations are imposed upon scholarship recipients. Recipients will receive their award checks on or about August 1, 2009.

NOTE: Don't forget to sign the application and print the name of your chapter in the "Certification Section" on the back of the application before making copies for distribution to your students. If you have any questions, please call 800/248-8080 ext. 490 or send an email to dfichtner@scholarshipamerica.org.

Sincerely,

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