

# Moving & Storage Institute Awards 2008 Scholarships

Ten students selected based on merits

by Sabrina Waiss, Moving & Storage Institute Director

Ten outstanding college students have been selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship each for the 2008-2009 academic year by the Moving & Storage Institute (MSI).

Each year, MSI awards academic scholarships to exceptional students affiliated with moving and storage companies and van lines throughout the United States.

Scholarships awarded by the David Brodsky, Russell Schofield and Moving & Storage Institute Scholarship Program, as it is formally known, are primarily intended to provide partial tuition assistance to deserving students who plan to pursue a course of study that would have an impact on the household goods moving and storage industry.

"The MSI Scholarship Program is a great way for AMSA and our members to give

**"Thank you for affording me the greatest opportunity in life—the opportunity to a good education. I really appreciate what you do and I am truly honored."**

**-Jacqueline Kuo**

back to some of the hardworking folk that make up the moving industry. It's also an opportunity for us all to help to provide the next generation with the educational foundation that they will need to take over the leadership of this industry in the future," says K. Scott Ogden, AMSA Chairman.

Scholarships are awarded to students who attend a two- or four-year accredited college, university or technical/vocational institute. Recipients or their families must work for or be affiliated with a moving and storage company or van line. The program is administered by Scholarship America, the nation's largest nonprofit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organization, and final award decisions are made by the governing board of the Moving and Storage Institute.

The 2008 scholarship recipients were selected from a group of 38 applicants. Candidates were chosen based on a combination of criteria, including academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, goals and aspirations stated in the application, unusual personal or family circumstances, financial need and an outside recommendation.

AMSA President and CEO Linda Bauer Darr commented, "I was so pleased to see so many very well-qualified applicants this year. And it looks like the 10 that were selected are truly extraordinary in the initiative they

demonstrate and how well-rounded they are in the way they seem to combine both academics and life learning so well. This is a great boost to the member companies of AMSA, who can count on their industry association and all our generous members in supporting this tremendous program."

Following is a brief profile of each of the 10 recipients:

■ **Ashley Applegate** is a senior at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, majoring in accounting. Originally from Naperville, Ill., she is the daughter of Bill and Jan Applegate. Her mother works for Prager Moving and Storage Company. Her recent activities, honors and awards include: Dean's List (3.5+ GPA); honors program; dance marathon morale captain & family representative; Delta Delta Delta and Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity.

■ **Kendra Beasley** is a senior at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., majoring in finance. Originally from Chesapeake, Va., she is the daughter of Keith Beasley. Her application was sponsored by Hampton Roads Moving and Storage.



**Ashley Applegate**  
University of Iowa



**Kendra Beasley**  
Old Dominion University



**Lacey Carlstrom**  
University of Wisconsin-Madison



**Oleg Katsnelson**  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst



**Jacqueline Kuo**  
University of Texas at Austin



**Mathew Plis**  
University of Illinois at Urbana



**Michele Silvestro**  
Pace University



**Lacey Suthoff**  
Metro Business College



**Aislinn Sweeney**  
Salisbury University



**Anna Warner**  
University of Washington

■ **Lacey Carlstrom** is a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, majoring in business. Originally from Shawano, Wis., she is the daughter of Kelly and Jim Carlstrom. Her father works for Barrett Moving Systems. Her recent activities, honors and awards include: class valedictorian; Academic Excellence Award; Green Bay Press-Gazette Academic Team; jazz band, Patrick Gilmore Award.

■ **Oleg Katsnelson** is a junior at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, majoring in finance. Originally from Marblehead, Mass., he is the son of Leon Katsnelson, who works for Clark & Reid Company. He is on the University of Massachusetts' Men's Crew Team.

■ **Jacqueline Kuo** is a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in business. Originally from Sugar Land, Texas, she is the daughter of Fu Ming Kuo and Li Chen Lee. Her father works for Southwest Moving and Delivery Company. Her recent activities, honors and awards include: Dean's List and TMEA All-State Orchestra.

■ **Mathew Plis** is a freshman at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Champaign, Ill., majoring in business. Originally from Park Ridge, Ill., he is the son of Mark and Karen Plis. His father works for New World Van Lines. His recent activities, honors and awards include: Senior Varsity Baseball Co-Captain; National Honor Society; Illinois State Scholar; Rainbow Hospice volunteer; Gifted Lyceum Program.

■ **Michele Silvestro** is a junior at Pace University in New York, N.Y., majoring in finance. Originally from Melville, N.Y., she is the daughter of Carmela and Michael Silvestro. Her father works for Molloy Brothers Trucking. Her recent activities, honors and awards include: Lubin Leaders and Scholars Program; black belt in karate; Lambda Sigma Honor Society.

■ **Lacey Suthoff** is a sophomore at Metro Business College in Jefferson City, Mo., majoring in business. Originally from Jefferson City, Mo., she is the daughter of Kara and John Suthoff. Her mother works for A#1 Cardwell Moving and Storage.

■ **Aislinn Sweeney** is a freshman at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Md., majoring in accounting. Originally from Middletown, Md., she is the daughter of David and Mary Sweeney. Her mother works for Meadows Van & Storage. Her recent activities, honors and awards include: National Honor Society; Student Government Association; Community Service Award; APEX Scholars; Maryland Distinguished Scholar; Group Workcamps Association; Maryland Girls State.

■ **Anna Warner** is a sophomore at the University of Washington in Seattle, Wash., majoring in business. Originally from Lacey, Wash., she is the daughter of Don and Lisa Warner. Her father works for Olympic Moving and Storage. She was on the Dean's List and a math tutor.

Congratulations to these very deserving students! We wish them great success in the upcoming school year and as they enter the work force.

Additional information about the David Brodsky, Russell Schofield and the Moving & Storage Institute Scholarship Program is available online at [www.promover.org](http://www.promover.org), under the Moving & Storage Institute tab. The 2009 scholarship application form will be available online in the fall of 2008 and materials must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2009. ♦



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