The Moving & Storage Institute (MSI) has once again awarded $15,000 in scholarships to 10 extraordinary students for the 2012–2013 academic year. The top award of $5,000 was funded with a generous donation from the National Association of Independent Truckers (NAIT), while AMSA member donations to the David Brodsky, Russell Schofield and MSI scholarship program funded one $2,000 scholarship and eight $1,000 scholarships.

Since its inception, the MSI scholarship program has awarded more than $150,000 to employees, children and families of AMSA member companies, advancing the educational objectives of dozens of young people throughout the country. Scholarships are meant to provide partial tuition and assistance to deserving students who are pursuing a course of study that may have an impact on the household goods moving and storage industry.

This year’s candidates were chosen based on a wide range of criteria, including academic achievement, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, goals and aspirations, and an outside recommendation. The program is administered by Scholarship America, the nation’s largest nonprofit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organization; the governing board of the MSI makes the final award decisions.

The MSI congratulates these exceptional students for their academic and personal achievements and wishes them all the best of luck in the coming year. Following is a brief profile of each of the 2012 scholarship recipients, in alphabetical order:

MEAGAN BANTA-LEWIS is a freshman at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., majoring in pre-law. Her parents are Maryanne Banta-Schmitt and Tony Schmitt; her mother works at UniGroup Inc. Meagan is the recipient of a Truman State University President’s Leadership Scholarship, RSHS Academic Excellence Award, President’s Education Award and Falcon Flight Award, is a member of Honorcord-Drama and is a MASC Leadership Camp junior counselor.

JONATHAN COFFMAN is a freshman at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., majoring in business administration. His parents are Joe and Katie Coffman; his father works at Hilldrup Moving and Storage in Durham, N.C. Jonathan played varsity basketball, ran track and field, and graduated with high honors with a 4.23 GPA.

SARAH ESCHE is in her third year at University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Ind., majoring in accounting. Her parents are Karen and Kevin Esche; her mother works at Atlas Van Lines. Sarah is the vice president of publicity for Beta Alpha Psi. She also is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Accounting Club, USI College Republicans, and Honors Program. She received a USI Alumni Association Scholarship and has consistently been on the dean’s list.

ALEXIS GOODWIN is in her second year at Northwood University in Midland, Mich., majoring in hotel/restaurant/resort management. She is the daughter of Johnna

“I will never forget your generosity because I have never received such an award like this before in my life. My parents and I are grateful for your support in attending my dream school. I’m going to be an Ole!”

—Erin McHugh, St. Olaf College