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**Eagan Foundation announces
over 100 scholarships available to local students**

(Eagan, MN, 02/01/2013) – The Eagan Foundation announces more than 110 scholarships totaling in excess of \$94,000 are now available to graduating high school seniors living in Eagan or attending Eagan High School. Applications will be accepted until 6 p.m. on February 28th, 2013.

Eligible students graduating in 2013 can complete an application on the Eagan Foundation’s website at www.eaganfoundation.org. Scholarship awards are based on a variety of donor-specified criteria including student financial need and/or career interest. There are also scholarships available that are not dependent on GPA, but recognize talented young individuals who have persevered through hardships in life, or have demonstrated strong community leadership. All graduating high school seniors living in Eagan or attending Eagan High School are encouraged to apply.

For the first time, the Eagan Foundation is awarding more than 100 scholarships in 2013, including at least 17 additional scholarships and \$20,000 more than last year. Foundation scholarships are funded through donations from community members, area businesses, school organizations, family foundations, and nonprofits. The additional scholarships available this year are due to the generous support of new donors and the continued dedication from longtime donors whom have increased their support.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, a scholarship donor since 2002, increased their current scholarship amounts and added an additional scholarship this year. “We have always been impressed with the caliber of students awarded scholarships through the Eagan Foundation,” said Michael Jones, director of community relations and internal communications. “Through our support of the Eagan Foundation, we are making a positive difference in our community by providing assistance to the next generation of innovative business leaders in Minnesota.”

In total, the Eagan Foundation has 10 new donors for 2013, adding to an already diverse group of scholarships. New donor Kate Schmidt is a 4th grade teacher at Glacier Hills Elementary School. She became a scholarship donor this year to help students pursue their dreams of becoming an educator through higher education. “When I was entering college I received a scholarship to help me become a teacher. My family is donating our Grass Family \$1,000 scholarship to one of tomorrow’s new teachers as a way to give back, and I know the Eagan Foundation is the best organization to help me find exactly the right person for our scholarship,” said Kate.

Power Systems Research, an Eagan based international business, is offering one of the largest scholarships this year, a \$2,500 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math scholarship. New scholarships are also available for students with parents in military service, students pursuing an agribusiness degree,



students going into an automotive service career, a student studying linguistics, and many from local school sports and booster clubs.

The Ahsim Ahmed Memorial Scholarship and the Laura Miller Memorial Scholarship are in memory of two Eagan High School students. Laura Miller, who would have graduated this year, is being remembered by her parents and friends with a scholarship focused on the things Laura loved.

“Our donors have really stepped up to make this an unprecedented year in our organization’s history” said Michael Proebstle, Chair of the Eagan Foundation Board. “We were able to secure a record number of scholarships and more dollars than ever before. We now are nearing the one million dollar mark in scholarships awarded in our history. We couldn’t be more proud of our community and its support of our young scholars. Thank you to all of our generous donors.”

All graduating high school seniors living in Eagan or attending Eagan High School are encouraged to submit an application. To apply, visit www.eaganfoundation.org. Questions may be directed to Board and Scholarship Chair Michael Proebstle at (651) 683-0000 or mproebstle@eaganfoundation.org.

About the Eagan Foundation

The Eagan Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-building organization, whose vision is to make Eagan the best place to live, learn, work and play. Its mission is investing in Eagan’s future by providing community connections, grants and scholarships. The Eagan Foundation was founded in 1990 and encourages, supports, and enhances ideas, funding, and collaborative action to meet community needs. To date, the Foundation has raised and reinvested over \$900,000 in the community through its scholarship, community initiatives, and community grants programs. For additional information or to learn how you can volunteer for the Eagan Foundation, visit www.eaganfoundation.org or email admin@eaganfoundation.org.

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