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Local Students Awarded Scholarship by the Scottish Rite Masons

Pittsburgh, PA (May 5, 2009) – The Scottish Rite Masons headquartered at Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center has announced the award of an Abbott Scholarship to:

Sarah Carr of McDonald, is presently a junior at Robert Morris University. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Debra Carr.

Christopher Carter of Washington, is presently a freshman at Geneva College. He is the son of Thomas and Glenna Carter.

Nicole Flamgletti of Pittsburgh, is presently a sophomore at Indiana University of PA. She is the daughter of Samuel Flamgletti (deceased) and Terri Stevens

Heather Flower of Ligonier, is presently a sophomore at Waynesburg University. She is the daughter of John and Lynne Flower, Jr.

Cara Henry of Pittsburgh, is presently a freshman at Penn State University. She is the daughter of Daniel and Lauri Henry.

The announcement was made by Valley spokesman Donald M. Murphy, Secretary of the Valley of Pittsburgh.

“Abbott Scholarships are awarded to qualified students in recognition of scholastic and all-around achievements,” Don Murphy commented. “Our goal is to help young people fulfill their career goals by assisting them financially as they further their education beyond high school.”

In discussing these scholarships, Don Murphy said, “We are delighted to award these Abbott Scholarships. Freemasonry has historically been dedicated to the importance of education in our society, and these scholarships are another indication of continuing Masonic commitment.” He concluded by saying, “We are pleased to be able to contribute to the educational opportunities for young people.”

Abbott Scholarships are given to the children of Scottish Rite Masonic families, to young people who have been active in Masonic-related organizations such as DeMolay, Rainbow and Job’s Daughters, and to graduates of our 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children. The grants are made throughout the fifteen-state Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Total scholarships in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction will be \$450,000 for the 2009-2010 academic period. A year ago, 339 college level students across the jurisdiction were helped by Abbott grants. Support for the growing scholarship program comes from the Supreme Council Education and Charity Fund established through the generous legacy of former Sovereign Grand Commander Leon M. Abbott. In recent years, the fund has been strengthened by sharing in annual contributions to the “blue” envelope appeal by the Fraternity’s 210,000 members. In addition to the Abbott Scholarships, the Scottish Masons of the Northern Masonic jurisdiction also support the award winning National Heritage Museum in historic Lexington, Massachusetts; yearly fellowships for Schizophrenia Research; and the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc.