

May is here and that means scholarship judging. Thank you to Erin Wood, Lake Region State College Public Information Officer and Dawn Johnson, Instructional Coach for Northeast Education Services Cooperative for judging Department and National scholarships. The panel selected Zachary Berger of Velva, Rowan Jess of Carrington, and Brandi Schock of McVile for the three \$500 Department Education Scholarships.

National scholarships are applied for and judged online. Referred on to the Northwestern Division for judging were: Drew Burris, Children of Warriors selectee; Elydie Johnson, Spirit of Youth selectee; Brennan Martin, Member Loyalty selectee; and Julie Goeres, Non-Traditional Student Selectee. Final winners of the National scholarships will be announced in late May by the National organization.

Congratulations to these students and to all who applied for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to academics and their communities. Every applicant was worthy of the scholarships.

Reminder to this year's Girls State and Boys State attendees: the Samsung American Legion Scholarship is due the first day of the program using an online application. Direct descendants of a wartime veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion should check out www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung to be ready with the information needed to apply.

Thank you to everyone who supported our youth, education personnel, schools and the units who reported activities to help me complete my year-end report for Northwestern Division. Look for the Education Program year-end report on the Department website at www.ndala.org/education/.

Start planning for “Ten for Education” so you’re off to a head start for next year's Education Program. Each and every one of you truly make a difference!

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