

Scholarship Committee

By Jeff Patterson, State Chairman

The State Scholarship Committee is in full swing coming off a successful summer program. From April-July, the New Jersey Elks Family Scholarship was advertised, promoted and worked diligently to bring in the most scholar applicants we have seen.

Joe Aurelio's team of judges reviewed 134 applications from all 12 Districts (both records on their own merit) and announced the 34 scholarship winners. Each winner will receive \$750 towards their college expenses. A full list of winner and their lodges were distributed to the District Chairs for dissemination to their respective Lodges. Congratulations to all the winners. An even bigger congratulation goes out to the Lodges around the State for pushing this scholarship. Each of you worked hard to make a student's dream of continued education a reality. Thank You

While I was at the GL Convention in Reno, this past July, I had the honor of escorting our National Winner, Grace Young, to the stage. She spoke passionately about her goals and gave the Elks a big Thank You for the award as well as acknowledgement of our treating her like part of the family. I expect to hear more about Grace in the coming years.

NOW IT IS SEPTEMBER and our work starts again. The Most Valuable Student Scholarship program, administered by the Elks National Foundation, has started. Applications for ANY HIGH SCHOOL can be downloaded at www.elks.org/enf/scholars then click on the MVS link and it will take you to the application page for the 2014 Program. Imagine \$2.44 Million going out to 500 national scholars. Can we have another National Winner sitting in class? We won't find out, unless we hit our local High Schools hard and repeatedly. Let's make it happen

There are some changes this year. The most important change: the package of materials was sent to the Lodge Secretary, who must indicate the

Lodge Scholarship Chair in the CLMS program under the Staff section. Scholarship Coordinators can input your MVS Scholarship applicants, and indicate which applicants should be advanced to the district level of judging. Scholarship Coordinators must have an elks.org user name and password. If they don't, please have them register online.

Another equally important change is the Lodge Scholarship Chair, must enter all results into elks.org for the application to advance to the next level of judging. The deadline for MVS applications is December 6. If you have any questions, please contact your District Scholarship Chair. Don't wait to the last minute. Spread the word.

In addition to the ENF MVS Scholarship, there is also the ENF Legacy Awards, available at the ENF website. This program is available to "Any child or grand-child (or step-child, step-grandchild or legal ward) of an Elk". There are some stipulations as to dates of membership so check out the website and submit on line by January 31, 2014.

Our last program and one very crucial to our Elk family is the ENF Emergency Educational Grant Program. This program is available to children of deceased of totally disabled Elks. Applications are available at your local lodge. Deadline is December 31.

Our committee is running year round and for us to be successful, we need you, your Lodge and your Scholarship Chairperson to spread the word of the great work we as Elks are doing for the continued education of the youth of our Nation. President Clinton said "For the bold new world of the 21st Century..every adult American must be able to keep on learning for a lifetime". Let's all work together to allow our High School Seniors the opportunity to keep on learning. Scholarships Keep Students Studying for Success

GRACE YOUNG ENF - MVS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER SPONSORED BY HOBOKEN LODGE #74

As you sit down to enjoy a hot cup of tea, you probably don't consider the tea's DNA; but Grace Young the 2013 Elks MVS top female scholarship winner does. In 2011, Grace worked with scientists at the Rockefeller University on a study that analyzed the DNA of a number of regular and herbal teas. The results of the study showed that some of the brands in both categories contained unlisted ingredients.

In the community service area, Grace has been equally praiseworthy. She founded a community service club at her high school called Under the Same Sky and presided over it for four years. Under the Same Sky works to raise money to help support education for children in rural China. Grace's intelligence, coupled with her love of community service has earned her the top 2013 Elks MVS top female scholarship in the amount of \$60,000. Grace will take her intellect and passion for service to Harvard University this fall where she plans to study cellular and molecular biology.

"I am grateful to the Elks for helping students fulfill their educational dreams and become whatever they aspire to be," says Grace. "I am honored to receive this scholarship and feel that I have an obligation to give back to future generations of students." With the support of the Elks and her passion for helping others, we know Grace will continue to give back to her community.

Grace was sponsored by Hoboken Lodge #75 and spoke both at the Wildwood Reunion in June and also at the Grand Lodge Session in Reno in July.



Pictured with Grace Young is NJ Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno and Hoboken Lodge #74 Exalted Ruler Thomas Foley

Harrison-East Newark Lodge

A National Night Out 2013 was hosted by Harrison Mayor Hon. Raymond J. McDonough, the Harrison Town Council, the Harrison Police Department, Harrison-East Newark Elks Lodge #2326, Harrison Fire Dept, Hudson County Sheriff's Dept. and many local sponsors. Over 500 local children and citizens enjoyed a night out against crime, violence and drugs at Library Park in Harrison Tuesday Aug.6. The Elks and Police Department supplied the both Entertainment D.J Music, Face Painters and the rides for the Children along with the Hot Dogs, soda, water, juices and lemon ice for all in attendance. The children also received a National Night Out T-Shirt sponsored by many local businesses.

