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KASCOE E-NEWS

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2008 NASCOE/KASCOE Scholarship Available

The Scholarship awards that are provided by NASCOE and KASCOE help defray expenses for a student to attend an accredited school. The requirements are the same for the NASCOE, Southwest Area (SWA), and KASCOE scholarships.

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

1. Applicant MUST be a NASCOE member, member's spouse, member's child, or member's legal dependent.
2. The NASCOE member MUST be a permanent county office employee with dues paid and current for the past 5 years or since becoming a permanent FSA employee.
3. A member who retires or transfers with in the Agency during the scholarship year (September 1 to August 30) must have their entire dues paid regardless of dues withholding.
4. Applicant may be either a high school senior or a full-time (minimum of 12 credit hours) college student up to the Bachelor Degree level.
5. A minimum of a "C" average (using the 4.0 system) in both their junior and senior years of high school or as a college student is REQUIRED.
6. This award must be used to defray expenses incidental to the student's attendance at a 4-year college, university, community college or commercial/trade school, which is accredited by the Department of Education of the State.
7. The awardee MUST satisfactorily complete at least ONE semester of schooling or RETURN the money.
8. Applicant can only win ONCE in each category – KASCOE, SWA or NASCOE.
9. Applications can be re-submitted if the applicant continues to meet all eligibility requirements.
10. All applications must be submitted by mail to the area chairperson by the **Deadline of February 20, 2008** – NO online applications will be accepted. For Kansas please send 5 copies and original to:

Sara Morey
KASCOE Scholarship
328 NE 14th Street
Abilene KS 67410

11. All necessary signatures MUST be affixed to the application at the time of submission.

Please see the NASCOE website at www.nascoe.org for the scholarship application and checklist. All requested information must be sent, the application is slightly different this year than in the past. The website also includes other information. If you have any you should contact Sara Morey at sara.morey@ks.usda.gov or call the Dickinson County Service Center at 785-263-1351.

New Benefit Available to NASCOE Members

"This is for real! It is for us "Government Employees," there are Condos and rooms for \$329 a week and many locations or vacation spots (whether at the beach or hitting the slopes). The web site explains it very well- so there is no need for me to go into details."

- Becky Zirpel, NASCOE Benefits Chairperson

Government Employee Travel Opportunities (G.E.T.O.), a leisure travel benefits program sponsored by Resort Condominiums International (RCI), a leader in vacation rental. G.E.T.O. is a "Space Available" condo rentals program offering government employee discounts to Federal, State and Local Government employees. Government employees can take affordable condominium vacations at resorts around the world. G.E.T.O. makes this possible by utilizing marketable inventory at condominium timeshare resorts and vacation villas. Marketable inventory consists of condominium units that resort owners do not use, which generally means off-season or short-notice travel. The homepage for GETO is:
http://www.getravelop.com/html/ge_index2.asp

GETO benefits are broken down into the following categories:

"More Savings" - Independent hotels, B&B's, Campgrounds, car rentals, river cruises and more discounts for government employees.

"High Demand" - Weekly resort condos in high-demand locations and during peak season; discounted commercial rental rates, variably priced by location and unit.

"Nightly Getaways" - The convenience and amenities of a resort condo on a nightly rental basis. Make it a long weekend or add days to a weekly rental!

"Vacation Homes" - Privately owned vacation homes and condominiums in popular destinations; Orlando, Florida Keys, Myrtle Beach, Colorado, Cape Cod & more!

"More Savings" - Independent hotels, B&B's, Campgrounds, car rentals, river cruises and more discounts for government employees.

Also, be sure not to forget about www.nascoetravel.com when you are planning your next vacation or NASCOE or Area meetings and need to book a flight, rent a car or perhaps book a motel. All travel sites automatically build in a 5% commission on tickets. This site will also have to do that (it is the law), *but they will give NASCOE 40% of that 5% commission back to our organization.*