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\$15,000 IN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE

FORT WORTH, TX --- First Command Educational Foundation (FCEF) recently announced the expansion of its scholarship program with the availability of two new scholarships, the first in its 24-year history to be awarded solely through the Foundation. The new scholarships will be for \$10,000 and \$5,000, awarded on a competitive basis, and issued to the college or university of the student's choice on his or her behalf.

The awards will be based on merit, need and the quality of three essays which must accompany the application. Two letters of reference, one being from a current teacher, also must accompany the application. To obtain the applications form, go to www.firstcommand.org. Deadline for the application is December 3, 2007 and the electronic application will be on the FCEF website only until November 30, 2007. Only the first 500 applications will be accepted. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible.

Originated in 1983, FCEF awarded its first scholarships exclusively to military dependents. In 2005, the Foundation's mission was expanded to include civilians as well. However, all scholarships were awarded in partnership with other organizations, and now more than \$3.5 million has been distributed to students across the nation.

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“Our scholars have attended colleges and universities across the nation,” stated Vickie Mauldin, FCEF Executive Director. “At our current pace, we average about \$175,000 annually in awards and have plans to grow this to a minimum of \$200,000 annually over the next three years,” Mauldin explained

“Some have chosen to take career paths in science, medicine, or research. Others want to become lawyers, teachers or consumer advocates. Many will go on to a career in the Armed Services. In fact, some are, even now, defending our country in foreign conflicts. These young people will be the leaders of tomorrow. FCEF is proud to support them in their educational endeavors,” Mauldin stated.

FCEF has a dual mission of distributing scholarships and advancing financial literacy. In the last two years the Foundation has reached more than 40,000 participants in classroom training events. FCEF currently has more than 30 different topics dealing with subjects such as money management and the wise use of credit.

For more information on FCEF or additional information on the scholarship process, call 877-872-8289 or email edufoundation@firstcommand.org.

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