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SCHOLARSHIPS EXCEED \$5 MILLION

York, PA — York County Community Foundation and 13 Dollars for Scholars chapters have awarded more than \$5.1 million in scholarships to 4,400 students in York County since the Dollars for Scholars program began in 1995.

Dollars for Scholars (DFS) began as a partnership between York County Community Foundation and local citizen groups to provide a major source of new scholarship funds for York County's graduating seniors. Dallastown and Spring Grove were the first communities to launch Dollars for Scholars chapters to expand local scholarship resources, in response to a challenge grant and technical assistance from the Community Foundation. Since then, 11 of the 13 chapters have established endowments through the Community Foundation to ensure perpetual opportunity for their graduating students.

"The impact of the Community Foundation's partnership with Dollars for Scholars has gone beyond what we could have imagined when it began 15 years ago," says Bill Hartman, president of the Community Foundation. "The cost of higher education can be out of reach for so many, and these scholarships can really make a difference."

In 2009 alone, 547 Dollars for Scholars scholarships were awarded for a total of \$574,000. York County Community Foundation provided \$168,682 of that total. The Community Foundation also oversees several scholarship funds that are targeted for a specific field of study or to students attending a specific institution.

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Dollars for Scholars Chapters:

Central York Dollars for Scholars
Dallastown Area Dollars for Scholars
Greater Dover Area Dollars for Scholars
Eastern York Dollars for Scholars
Northeastern School District Scholarship Foundation
Red Lion Area Educational Foundation
South Western Dollars for Scholars
South Eastern Dollars for Scholars
Southern York County School District
Spring Grove Area Scholarship Foundation
West York Area Dollars for Scholars
York City Dollars for Scholars
York Suburban Dollars for Scholars

The Community Foundation also leverages additional state grants for York County DFS scholarship recipients through the PATH program of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). The PATH partnership has garnered more than \$700,000 in supplemental state grants to York County DFS students attending colleges and universities in Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1961, York County Community Foundation is committed to preserving and enriching the quality of life in York County. Through leadership in advancing, encouraging, and celebrating philanthropy for the public good, we strengthen our community, now and for generations to come. York County Community Foundation granted \$4.3 million in 2008.

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Attached photo caption: Representatives from 13 Dollars for Scholars chapters in York County received \$168,682 in 2009 scholarships from Bryan Tate, vice president for community investment at York County Community Foundation. The Community Foundation provides most of its scholarships from the DFS chapters it helped create over the past 15 years.



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