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CHS FOUNDATION EXPANDS TWO-YEAR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ST. PAUL, MINN. (Jan. 8, 2007) — First-year agricultural students at two-year colleges are invited to apply for 50 \$750 scholarships from the CHS Foundation, which recently expanded its Two-Year College Scholarship Program to provide greater financial assistance to more students. The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., a leading energy and grain-based foods company with a stewardship focus on building vibrant communities.

“Many leaders in agribusiness, cooperatives and production agriculture receive excellent early training from our nation’s fine two-year educational institutions,” says William J. Nelson, CHS Foundation president. “We’re proud to expand this scholarship program and help plant seeds for a strong future.”

For 2007, scholarships will be awarded to agricultural students from — or attending two-year colleges in — the following states: Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. New in 2007, *all* accredited two-year institutions in the designated states are eligible to participate.

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Scholarship amounts have been increased to \$750. Students must apply before March 1 during their first year of study; funds will go toward to their second-year costs. An independent, external committee will select scholarship recipients based on essays, transcripts and reference letters. Students should visit www.chsfoundation.org for application forms and full details.

Also new this year, the CHS Foundation is increasing its efforts to connect scholarship winners with valuable opportunities such as internships, professional or leadership development programs, career openings and international experiences.

“Promising young people who are eager to accelerate their career skills deserve every bit of help we can provide,” says Nelson. “By expanding the CHS Foundation’s networking program, we’re giving our country’s most successful cooperatives access to a tremendous resource: the enthusiastic and creative minds of tomorrow’s rural leaders.”

The CHS Foundation (www.chsfoundation.org) is the major giving entity of CHS Inc. (www.chsinc.com), a diversified energy, grains and foods Fortune 500 company committed to providing the essential resources that enrich lives. As a part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS Foundation is committed to investing in the future of rural America, agriculture and cooperative business through education and leadership development. With more than \$28 million in endowed assets, the CHS Foundation annually distributes \$1.7 million through grants, scholarships and educational support.

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