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**WILLIAMSPORT-LYCOMING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR
ISCALC INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

WILLIAMSPORT, PA – The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation recently announced the application deadline for scholarships from the ISCALC International Scholarship Fund. Application for this scholarship is open to Lycoming County high school seniors, and two scholarships are awarded by the fund each year. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2006. Applications are available from any Lycoming County high school guidance office, can be downloaded from the Foundation’s website at www.fcfpa.org, or can be obtained by calling the Foundation at (570) 321-1500. For more information, interested students should contact Dawn Linn, Manager of Program & Scholarship Services, at the Foundation.

The scholarships were created in recognition of the tremendous efforts of Reverend Melvin L. Whitmire. Reverend Whitmire founded and provided many years of caring leadership to the International Student Coordinating Association of Lycoming County (ISCALC).

Qualified applicants should be Lycoming County high school seniors planning to pursue major coursework in the area of international studies, including but not limited to, international affairs, foreign languages, overseas exchange programs, multicultural studies, and related areas.

The ISCALC International Scholarship Fund is just one of approximately seventy-five scholarship funds administered by the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania and its

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affiliates. For 2005/2006, the Foundation awarded \$148,900 in scholarships to students throughout the region. In addition, the Foundation is a participant in the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency's (PHEAA) Partnerships for Access to Higher Education (PATH) program. The PHEAA PATH program provides matching grants for unmet financial need to qualified recipients of Foundation scholarships. To receive a match, recipients must be enrolled in a Pennsylvania postsecondary institution. In the 2005/2006 academic year, Foundation scholarship recipients received an estimated \$38,400 in matching funds through the PHEAA PATH program because of the Foundation's participation.

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation is the founding affiliate of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania maximizes the power of people and their donated assets to build vibrant communities within Central and Northcentral Pennsylvania now and in the future. The Foundation focuses on sincerity and integrity in all of its relationships - including those with donors, estate and financial planning professionals, trustee banks and investment managers, current and potential grant recipients, government and business leaders, and the many individuals and families living in its service area. For more information on the programs and services offered by the Foundation, or to learn more about ways to make a difference in the community, contact the Foundation office at 570-321-1500.

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