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**NEW SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCE FOR AREA STUDENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE;
THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED EACH YEAR**

WILLIAMSPORT, PA – Did you know that the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania and its affiliates awarded nearly \$150,000 to area students in the 2005/2006 academic year? The Foundation manages approximately 75 scholarship funds, established to benefit area students. Scholarships are awarded from the funds each year. The Foundation recently made a list of scholarships, their criteria, eligibility guidelines, and applications available on its website. Area students seeking information about the scholarships can now download a complete list by visiting www.fcfpa.org, and clicking on the “Scholarships” link. Information for all three of the Foundation’s affiliates, the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation, the Danville Area Community Foundation and the Union County Community Foundation, can be found on the website.

One of the scholarships that will be awarded is the Robert & Judy More Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded each year to graduating Montgomery High School seniors planning to pursue higher education in finance, engineering, business or science. Applications for the scholarships are available through the Foundation’s website, or from the Montgomery Area High School Guidance office. Applications for the Robert & Judy More Scholarship must be submitted by April 15, 2006.

For the 2005/2006 academic year, the Foundation awarded \$148,900 in scholarships to local students. An additional match of an estimated \$38,400 provided assistance to recipients with unmet financial need. The matches were provided through the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance

Agency's (PHEAA) Partnerships for Access to Higher Education (PATH) program. Because the Foundation is a participant in the PHEAA PATH program, students who receive scholarships from any of its affiliates may qualify for the match. Eligible students must have unmet financial need, and be enrolled in a Pennsylvania postsecondary institution.

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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