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College Dreams Come True Thanks to Elks Scholarships

Chicago, Ill.—The Elks National Foundation is proud to announce the start of the 2021 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest. The Most Valuable Student scholarship is available to high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. Applicants are judged on academics, leadership, service and financial need.

The application is completed online and must be submitted by the November 15, 2020, deadline. The 500 national winners will be announced in April 2021, after the top 20 finalists participate in the Leadership Weekend and interview for the top awards.

This year, the ENF is investing \$4.2 million in college scholarships. We've invested wisely. MVS scholars—all of whom demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and a commitment to service—are graduating from college at a rate of 90 percent, 30 percent higher than the national average.

The ENF will award 20 top scholarships ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000. The remaining 480 runners-up will receive \$4,000 scholarships. Since 1931, the ENF has awarded life-changing scholarships to thousands of students like Santiago Alvillar of California, last year's top winner. The first of his family to receive a formal education, academics became an outlet for Alvillar, and he used his studies to dream of a future that includes greater opportunities for those he cares about.

"[The scholarship] is helping me make strides within my family and future generations that really are indescribable," Alvillar says. "This award acts as a representation of being able to conquer terrifying circumstances to my younger family members, to the students in similar situations, and to anyone who thinks goals become impossible if faced with extraneous circumstances. It's helped me create a ripple effect, and I'm sure it's going to have a positive impact not only in my family, but in my community."

Alvillar will make his dreams a reality this fall when he attends Stanford University to study engineering and physics, with a specialty in energy alternatives.

Applications for the 2021 contest are available on the Elks National Foundation's website. For complete Most Valuable Student scholarship contest details including the application, visit elks.org/scholars or enf.elks.org/MVS.

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With more than 750,000 members and nearly 1,900 Lodges nationwide, Elks are providing charitable services that help build stronger communities across the United States. The Elks National Foundation, the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. To learn more, visit elks.org/enf.



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Dear Counselor:

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) has kicked off the 2021 scholarship year. Here are the details!

Most Valuable Student (MVS) Contest:

The 2021 MVS application is now open. Applications can be found online at enf.elks.org/MVS. The application deadline is November 15th.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) awards 500 four-year scholarships based on academics, leadership, and financial need. National awards range from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year. The national awards will be announced in April 2021.

MVS scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), at a U.S. college or university next school year. Some important applicant details include:

- ★ Current high school seniors (or equivalent) who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- ★ Applicants do not have to be related to a member of the Elks.
- ★ Male and female students compete separately.

Applicants select from a list of the Lodges closest to their home address zip code. Please have your students choose a Lodge, as their sponsoring Lodge. Complete details can be found at enf.elks.org/MVS.

Legacy Awards – The Legacy Awards program begins on September 1st. Legacy Awards provide \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elk members. The ENF offers a total of 350 national awards. The application deadline is February 5, 2021 at 11:59 a.m., Central Time. Please visit enf.elks.org/Leg for more details and the application link.

For any questions, please contact me at Andy Olander, State Chairman. andyo1@charter.net or 715-572-2891.

Sincerely,

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