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Questa Foundation for Education Awards Sites Scholarships to 70 Students

May 6, 2009, Fort Wayne: The Questa Foundation for Education has awarded \$62,550 in scholarships to 70 college students from Allen County. The award amounts range from \$250 to \$4,000 per student, with an average of \$1,000 per student.

The grant monies are provided by the generosity of Venette and Mabel Sites, former North Side High School teachers, who established a charitable trust to support scholarships administered by the Questa Foundation for Education to help Allen County public high school graduates attend college.

To qualify for the Sites scholarship, a student must graduate from an Allen County public high school, maintain a 2.0 college GPA and be accepted into the Questa Scholars 1/2 Back Loan Program sponsored by the Questa Foundation for Education. The Sites scholarship funds are applied directly to a student's Questa Scholars loan balance, thereby reducing the amount of debt for a student who graduates from college.

“Questa Foundation for Education is in the business of helping Allen County students pursue their educational dreams and graduate from college with less debt and greater financial freedom,” said Christina K. Smith, executive director of Questa Foundation. “The Venette and Mabel Sites Scholarship awards are a great example of how Questa helps students afford higher education. We are extremely grateful to these two women for their vision and commitment to helping Allen County students with financial need afford the ever-growing costs of higher education.”

Award criteria are based upon academic progress and performance and existing level of college loan debt. Questa Foundation selects recipients in the spring of each year from among qualified Questa Scholars.

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Questa Foundation for Education's mission is to expand educational opportunity and encourage greater financial freedom for Allen County, college-bound students by providing affordable loans and generous scholarships that reward academic success and retain college graduates in northeast Indiana.

Originally established more than 70 years ago by R. Nelson Snider, former principal of South Side High School, and later incorporated as the Fort Wayne Educational Foundation, Questa sponsors the 1/2 Back Loan Program that offers qualified students forgiveness of up to 50 percent of their Questa Scholars loan if they graduate from college with a 2.75 GPA and choose to reside and work in northeast Indiana for at least five years after graduation.

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