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Scholarship Program For Agriculture Students

(NAPSA)—Graduating high school is a strangely exciting time. Many students feel a great sense of accomplishment, while at the same time they have apprehensions about the future. Those planning to attend college are flooded with questions like: What will college be like? Did I sign up for the right classes? Will I make friends? How will I pay for it? In time, these apprehensions will fade and the next few years of their lives will be filled with both delights and disappointments. But for many hardworking students a Monsanto Company sponsored scholarship program can help them prepare for college right now.

The Commitment to Agriculture scholarship awards 100 high school seniors one-time gifts of \$1,500 each. In association with the National Association of Farm Broadcasters (NAFB), Monsanto recognizes outstanding students, who have long-term career interests in agriculture. To be eligible, the students from farm families throughout the United States must have an above-average academic record and plan to enroll as a full-time student in an agriculture-related academic major at an accredited school.

While the financial assistance of the Commitment to Agriculture scholarship makes it a coveted honor, it also rewards student's hard work, accomplishments and goals in agriculture. Price Counts IV, a winner in 2004 from Colbert Country High School in Tusculumbia, Alabama knows this scholarship puts him one step closer to his dreams. "Farming means a great deal to me and this award will help me further my education to make me a better farmer," said Counts, who plans to major in agricultural business management at Shoals Community College.

Established in 1999, the scholarship program has awarded over 550 students with nearly three



One hundred high school seniors have a chance at winning a special agriculture scholarship.

quarters of a million dollars in support for their devotion to the agriculture industry.

"I was very honored to be recognized by two distinguished agricultural organizations," said Jessica Brown, a future agriculture major from Morrisonville, Illinois. "It means a lot to me to see my hard work pay off and to know that there are companies that are willing to support the future generations of agriculture."

Students can apply for the scholarship through the NAFB, stations and networks, public high schools, National FFA Organization chapter advisors, Monsanto field sales representatives, as well as retailers and seed dealers that sell Monsanto products.

Applications can also be downloaded at www.monsanto.com, www.nafb.com and www.ffa.org.

Application forms must be completed and postmarked by Feb. 15, 2005. Applicants will be notified of the contest results by May 1, 2005.

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The NAFB's member broadcasters are heard on over 2000 radio stations nationwide as well as over 100 television stations.