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**Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation Awards $57,000 in Scholarships to 65 SCTP and SPP Athletes**

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas (June 2, 2015)** – The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) is proud to announce the 2015 recipients in its SSSF Scholarship Program. Sixty-five Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and Scholastic Pistol Program (SPP) student athletes will receive scholarships totaling $57,000. SSSF will add another $4,000 to that total in July when it awards scholarships to four additional athletes during Last Competitor Standing events at its 2015 National Team Championships.

From 2013 through its 2015 distributions, SSSF will have awarded $140,000 in scholarship funds to 148 student athletes in the SCTP and SPP programs.

Athletes who graduated from high school in 2015 and will enroll in college this year were eligible to apply for this year’s scholarships. Awards are based on SCTP / SPP participation, academics, need, and other factors.

The scholarships are being funded by generous sponsors who support SSSF’s youth shooting programs, as well as supporters who raise funds through national banquets. For the SCTP scholarships, the National Skeet Shooting Association and National Sporting Clays Association (NSSA-NSCA) contributed $10,000 for 10 awards, and an additional $8,500 was provided by the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), GunBroker.com, NRA, Hodgdon Powder, Zanders Sporting Goods, and MEC.

Of the eight $1,000 scholarships being awarded to SPP athletes, six are being funded by a donation from Smith & Wesson, while others are being funded by a $1,000 donation each from the Joyce Wilson Women in the Shooting Sports Scholarship and the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA).

Congratulations to the following 2015 scholarship recipients:

**Scholastic Clay Target Program Athletes:**

*Scholarships are funded by the SSSF and NSSA-NSCA unless otherwise indicated:*

Jacob Buchanon Alaska

Grace Hambuchen Arkansas

Marshall Anema Arizona

Danielle Buttermore Connecticut

Clayton Teall Florida

Zachary Metz Florida GunBroker.com

Ciara Erenberger Iowa NRA

Samuel Frederes Iowa

Joshua Morrison Iowa

Lake Heaton Iowa ATA

Lauren Herr Iowa

Christopher Martin Iowa

Caleb Gradeless Iowa

Samantha Ashland Iowa

Luke Borden Idaho

Sydney Carson Indiana

Conner Haley Indiana ATA

Emily Duquette Massachusetts

Alyssa Minder Minnesota

Zachary Jung Minnesota

Emily Hampson Missouri

Austin Webb Montana Hodgdon Powder

Courtney Jones North Carolina

Hunter Clark North Carolina

Grant Lind North Dakota

Madison Webster Nebraska Hodgdon Powder

Carl Kessler Ohio

Sean Curran Ohio GunBroker.com

Tess Decker Oklahoma

Douglas Birchard Pennsylvania ATA

Bryce Buckwalter Pennsylvania

Zane McShane Pennsylvania

Donovan Barry Pennsylvania

William Till South Carolina

Braxton Rider Tennessee

Harold Doughty III Tennessee

Samantha Smith Tennessee

Mathew St. John Tennessee NRA

Joseph Simmons Tennessee

Travis Old Texas GunBroker.com

Ian Stodart Utah

Grayson Helms Washington

Megan Rice Washington

Abigail Denmark Washington

Abigail Rosenau Wisconsin ATA

Dalton Karow Wisconsin

Emily Bradley Wisconsin

Samuel Hovde Wisconsin

Zachary Hahn Wisconsin

Zachary Henderson Wisconsin

Emma Gehring Wisconsin

Atticus Clark Wisconsin

Gunnar Kern Wisconsin

Molly Cocroft Wisconsin

Joseph Altwies Wisconsin

Brian Morris Wisconsin Zanders

Pauline Schlais Wisconsin MEC

**Scholastic Pistol Program Athletes**

Franklin Ordway Oregon Smith & Wesson

Eri Marin Maine Smith & Wesson

Hunter Reiley Texas Smith & Wesson

Ryan Hellyer Kentucky Smith & Wesson

Tyler Wright Ohio Smith & Wesson

Corey Bucholz Wisconsin Smith & Wesson

Amber Rasmussen Wisconsin Joyce Wilson Scholarship

Jordan Castro Washington IDPA

***About SSSF***

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) is responsible for all aspects of the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and Scholastic Pistol Program (SPP) across the United States. SCTP and SPP are youth development programs in which adult coaches and other volunteers use shooting sports to teach and to demonstrate sportsmanship, responsibility, honesty, ethics, integrity, teamwork, and other positive life skills. SCTP was developed as a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) until the SSSF was created in 2007 to operate the SCTP. In 2012, SSSF created the SPP and became the managing foundation of both programs.  
  
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