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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.

For more information about SSSF, visit [www.sssfonline.org](http://www.sssfonline.org/).

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