

## NEWS

### **The Greater St. Charles Education Foundation Awards Four Senior Scholarships to St. Charles East and North High School Students**

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The Greater St. Charles Education Foundation is pleased to announce four Senior Scholarship recipients for 2008-2009. Kimber Schmidt and Shannon Kennedy from East and Nico Teti-Teal and Candice Inc from North were selected from a large number of applicants at both high schools. Each of the recipients will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Foundation.

“The Foundation congratulates the 2008-2009 scholarship recipients and extends a special thanks to the residents and businesses in the community that supported our various fundraising activities during the past year which made these scholarships possible,” said Bob Walters, Foundation President.

Qualifications for the Foundation Award include the following: applicants must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 and show evidence of active involvement in school and community clubs, organizations, community service, and co-curricular activities. A three hundred-word essay discussing high school experiences that helped the student prepare for college is also required along with two letters of recommendation, including one letter from a D303 staff member and one from a community member.

Teachers, administrators and local citizens help review applications and select winners through a blind screening process to ensure complete objectivity. The essays are judged based on their sincerity, organization, spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

This is the seventh year that the Foundation has awarded scholarships to graduating seniors. Past recipients are listed on the Foundation’s website at [www.stceducation.com/scholarships.html](http://www.stceducation.com/scholarships.html)

The Greater St. Charles Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that secures contributions from residents, local businesses and corporations through a variety of fundraising activities and annually distributes these funds through program grants to administrators and faculty of District 303, educational honorariums and college scholarships. Since its inception in 1992, the Foundation has contributed more than \$980,000 to support District 303 students. Visit [www.stceducation.com](http://www.stceducation.com) to find out more about the Foundation or to become a part of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.