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TakeNote

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS TO BE MAILED IN UPCOMING BILLS

Plan now to apply for SLEMCO's scholarship drawing if you would like to win one of 20 \$2,000 scholarships at our annual meeting on June 5.

Applications for the 2010 SLEMCO scholarship will be mailed with every SLEMCO bill in February and March this year. To reduce costs and paper, we'll be including them for only two months instead of three as in past years. The entry deadline is Thursday, May 6, at 4:30 p.m. in the Lafayette SLEMCO office; mailed entries must be postmarked by May 6.

When you receive your form, fill out the application for the drawing if you, your spouse, your dependent child or legal ward plan to attend a public college in Louisiana this fall.

Due to Internal Revenue Service rules, applicants who are dependent children must not turn 24 during 2010. The IRS prohibits parents from claiming children as dependents during the year they turn 24, even if they are full-time students. Any applicants turning 24 during 2010 must have their own SLEMCO account. They can't be sponsored by their parent or guardian, but they may be sponsored by a spouse because all SLEMCO accounts are considered community property under state law (Lucky Account Number 1401460000).

If you need more than one application, photocopy both sides of the one you receive, download one from www.slemco.com or wait until next month to receive another copy in the mail. All area high school guidance counselors have a supply of applications, as do the scholarship offices at UL Lafayette and LSU-Eunice.

Everyone has the same chance to win. Only one application per student will be

accepted: duplicate entries will be voided. Be sure to fill out the application completely and sign the form where indicated.

Eligibility requirements are listed on each form, so please read them carefully. Here's a quick overview:

- Only SLEMCO customers, their spouses, children or legal wards are eligible to win a scholarship.

A member cannot sponsor grandchildren, nephews, nieces or friends except as their legal guardian. Children cannot be considered a dependent if they will turn 24 years of age anytime during 2010.

- Any student applying must be planning to attend a public university in Louisiana this fall to pursue an undergraduate degree.

- High school seniors and anyone going back to college or to college for the first time must have graduated from high school with at least a "C" average. Continuing college students must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

- The sponsoring SLEMCO member must have been a member for the past 12 consecutive months, as of May 6, 2009.

- The applicant is not required to attend the annual meeting on June 5, but the sponsoring member or member's spouse must attend to claim a scholarship. If a member or spouse is applying, either spouse may attend the meeting to claim the scholarship.

Questions about SLEMCO scholarships should be directed to Mrs. Mary Laurent at 896-2520. Completed applications should be mailed to the SLEMCO Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 90866, Lafayette, LA 70509-0866.

Any entry received after the May 6 deadline will be discarded.

