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Monsanto and the National Association of Farm Broadcasting Award 100 Ag Scholarships

ST. LOUIS (June 2, 2010) – As part of the annual Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program, 100 high school students nationwide have been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship, based on academic achievement and leadership in agriculture.

The Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program is open to high school seniors from all 50 states and is offered by Monsanto in association with the National Association of Farm Broadcasting (NAFB). Since it was established in 1999, the scholarship program has awarded nearly \$1.6 million.

“Monsanto is proud to invest in the future of agriculture, whether it’s through new technology or supporting the next generation of young leaders,” said John Raines, Vice President of Customer Advocacy for Monsanto. “This year’s winners were chosen from an elite field, and all clearly demonstrate excellence in the areas of academics, leadership and real-world agricultural experience.”

In order to qualify for the scholarship program, a student is required to come from a farm family, plan to enroll as a full-time student in an agriculture-related academic major in an accredited school and be committed to pursuing a career in agriculture. Applicants are also evaluated on their academic record, leadership and extracurricular activities. An impartial selection committee of agricultural educators and industry leaders, administered through the National FFA Organization, chose this year’s award recipients from more than 1,000 applicants.

“Monsanto is committed to sustainable agriculture with the goal of helping farmers double crop yields by the year 2030,” stated Raines. “The future of agriculture depends on the

dedication and leadership of talented, young people, such as this year's scholarship winners, and we hope the Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program will support their pursuit of a career in agriculture.”

As a company focused solely on agriculture and committed to American farm families, Monsanto has a long tradition of supporting agriculture youth through scholarships, education and leadership development programs. The company partners with several prominent, nationwide organizations that are making a marked difference in the lives of young people and helping them become tomorrow's leaders in feeding, fueling and clothing the world. As part of this dedication to youth organizations, Monsanto is proud to be the largest ag sponsor of the National FFA and National 4-H.

The National Association of Farm Broadcasting (NAFB) is a 65-year-old organization based in Platte City, Mo. The NAFB represents all whose common purpose is to bring voice to agricultural and rural issues and news, and those who support the industry in the service of broadcast content and programming that informs, inspires and promotes agriculture and rural America. The NAFB website address is www.nafb.com.

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