

**AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP Committee Report
2015 Fall Board Meeting October 6, 2015**

The **South Dakota DSA Awards recap** for the 2014 & 2015 SDASCOE year was as follows: Damon Stormo, Hamlin was the winner of the SD and NWA Distinguished Service Awards for Service to Ag for 2015. Sherry Ternes, McIntosh was the SD, NWA and National Winner for Distinguished Service Award for Service to Community. South Dakota had a great year for DSA Awards in 2015 and congratulations to both of those winners.

South Dakota had eight Scholarship requests submit for 2015 but we did not have any scholarship winners this year. The 2015 NWA \$1500 Scholarship winner was Mitchell Royer from Idaho. The National \$2500 winner was Brook Durham from Texas. The Continuing Education \$1000 scholarship went to Chantel Schmidt from Iowa.

Micki Crider from Kentucky is again NASCOE Awards/Scholarship National Chairperson for 2015-2016. **Kyra Hagberg, MT**, is the new NWA Awards and Scholarship Chairperson for 2015-2016.

The Awards and Scholarship applications have not been update yet on the NASCOE website for the 2015 & 2016 NASCOE years. Assuming no major changes the Chairman summarized Awards and Scholarship available to SDASCOE Members this year.

Nominations for the **2016 Distinguished Service Awards** for Service to Agriculture, Service to Community and Service to SDASCOE / NASCOE are now being accepted thru **February 1, 2016**.

Two Scholarship Programs are again available to NASCOE Members for themselves, their children, spouse or legal dependant(s), providing that all other eligibility requirements are met and the scholarship application is completed by the **March 1, 2016 deadline**.

- (1) **Traditional NASCOE Scholarship Program:** One \$1500 scholarship will be awarded in the Northwest Area. The winner will then be eligible for the National NASCOE \$2500 scholarship.
- (2) **NASCOE Continuing Education/Collegiate Education Scholarship Program:** Must be either member based on ASCS/FSA experience, course attending or currently enrolled to attend, and a short essay explaining how this continuing education will further their career within FSA and/or member or student of member in their 2nd through 5th year of college working for a bachelors degree. There will only be one national scholarship winner \$1000.00.

Detailed eligibility information and fillable nomination forms for each of the three Distinguished Service awards and new application forms for both Scholarships which must be used this year will be available at the NASCOE Website soon! The website is located at: <http://www.nascoe.org>

The Awards and Scholarship Committee would like to thank the SDASCOE membership for all of the past DSA nominations and scholarship applications and hope that they will continue to submit more this year.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Larry Somsen, Chairperson of Awards & Scholarship Committee**