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**For Immediate Release  
PRESS RELEASE****FCS Financial Awards \$35,000 in Scholarships**

FCS Financial is pleased to announce the recipients of their 2009 Scholarship Program. Those receiving a \$1,000 scholarship are Andrew Alton, Auxvasse; Sierra Angell, Centralia; April Atkeson, Mt. Vernon; Jessica Borey, Grant City; Brittany Early, Leeton; Ethan Felten, Pilot Grove; Lauren Geiger, Mound City; Clinton Gerken, Nevada; Conrad Gibbs, Davisville; Alyssa Gibson, Vandalia; Brandon Gudehus, Edina; Robert Habiger, Bolivar; Janah Holmes, Graham; Kendra Hughes, Bolckow; Marc Jensen, Higginsville; Meredith Jones, Dawn; Kyle Knuth, Adrian; Jarod Koenig, Perryville; Brett Littleton, Keytesville; Karisa Lorenz, Marshfield; Lonni Miller, Silex; Derek Paradeis, Sarcoxie; Kevin Runde, Parnell; Hannah Sandidge, Marshall; Kyle Schieber, Conception Jct.; Morgan Shramek, Middletown; Megan Smith, Neosho; Kenda Storie, Conway; Angela Suter, Wyaconda; Sawyer Thompson, Peace Valley; Becca White, Anabel; Ashley Winfrey, Humansville; Matthew Wren, Turney; Kacie Wright, Tuscumbia; and Rachel Yocom, Davisville.

More than \$185,000 has been distributed through the FCS Financial Scholarship Program since it was established by the FCS Financial Board of Directors in 2004. The program is designed to encourage and support higher education for relatives of FCS Financial members. To qualify, applicants must be a graduating senior at a Missouri high school and a child or grandchild of an FCS Financial member. Additionally, they must attain a 2.5 or higher GPA, an ACT score of at least 26 or rank in the top 20 percent of their senior class. The scholarship applicants are then judged by a non-partisan committee on leadership roles, work experience, community involvement and essays. The 2010 FCS Financial Scholarship application is available at [www.myfcsfinancial.com](http://www.myfcsfinancial.com).

FCS Financial serves 102 counties through 29 branch offices in Missouri and is a member of the Farm Credit System. The system is a nationwide network of cooperative lending institutions that provides credit and financial services to farmers, ranchers, rural residents and agribusinesses. With more than 90 years of agricultural lending experience, the Farm Credit System is the largest single provider of agricultural credit in the United States.