

Annual Virtual Business Scholarship Offered to Promising Business & Marketing Students

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The Virtual Business Scholarship is an annual scholarship available to marketing and business students currently enrolled in their junior or senior year of high school throughout the country. Continuing education tuition has risen alarmingly and this scholarship is intended to help defray some of that expense. The scholarship is provided in cooperation with various state departments of education around the nation as well as BPA, DECA and FBLA state organizations.

With over 3,000 installations of our software in schools within the United States, Knowledge Matters has enjoyed an excellent working relationship with educators and students throughout the country. This scholarship is one way of supporting the effort teachers put in and the accomplishments their students have made. These teachers are enabling their students to stay competitive by equipping them with the necessary tools to do so.

To be eligible for nomination by their teachers, students must exhibit excellence in business or marketing classes and show interest and accomplishment in the use of technologies in these subjects. There will be three scholarships awarded nationally. The student who wins first place will receive \$1,000. The second place winner will receive \$500 and third, \$250. Full details and nomination forms will be available at www.KnowledgeMatters.com/Scholarships beginning in September of 2005. Each state has a unique code that is needed to view the application. Washington's state code is: **5876599**. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2006 and an independent panel of judges will make final selections. Money will be disbursed around May 1, 2006.

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