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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jim McBride, Ed.D. 

DATE: August 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Horatio Alger Wyoming Scholarship Program

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Attached is a letter that I received from the Horatio Alger Association regarding its Wyoming Scholarship Program. This program provides financial assistance to high school seniors who want to pursue a higher education. Please share this information with your school counselors and high school seniors. Thank you.

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Enclosure

For those students who have overcome personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education -- I strongly support! 

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Dear Superintendent McBride,

We are pleased to call your attention to a very important scholarship program in Wyoming that is helping to provide opportunities and the chance for real success to Wyoming's next generation of leaders.

The Horatio Alger Association's State Scholarship Program in Wyoming, with a designated fund of over \$700,000, provides scholarships to select high school seniors from across Wyoming who want to pursue a higher education. Horatio Alger Scholars are not your average group of high school students; these are teenagers who have risen above adversity in their lives to maintain their grades, remain active in their community and participate in extracurricular activities.

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation sponsors the Scholarship Program. Rocky Mountain Power is led under the umbrella of companies in which Mr. David L. Sokol is Chairman. Mr. Sokol is a lifetime Member of the Horatio Alger Association. His immigrant parents, particularly his father, instilled in him the idea of the American dream. He always believed that "if you apply yourself in this country, you can do anything." After having achieved his dreams, despite many challenges, Mr. Sokol wants to help others do the same.

With this correspondence we hope to make you aware of the Horatio Alger State Scholarship Program and the generous support of Mr. Sokol and Rocky Mountain Power Foundation. With the Program, Wyoming teens are encouraged to follow their dreams as they begin their adult lives. Without it, students facing financial hardship would otherwise be unable to pursue a higher education.

Enclosed is more information on the Scholarship Program. We encourage you to share the details of it with your state education officials. Please also feel free to call the Association at (703) 684-9444 for more information or materials on the Program.

Sincerely,

Terrence J. Giroux, Executive Director
The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans

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Horatio Alger Wyoming Scholarship Program

There are twenty-five \$5,000 scholarships awarded annually and funded through the generosity of Rocky Mountain Power Foundation.

The Horatio Alger Wyoming Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students in the state of Wyoming who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Horatio Alger Wyoming Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full time as a high school senior in Wyoming, progressing normally toward graduation, and planning to enter college no later than the fall following graduation;
- Have a strong commitment to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution);
- Critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred; if higher, an explanation must be provided);
- Involvement in co-curricular and community activities;
- Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum grade point average of 2.0);
- Be a resident of Wyoming; and
- Be a citizen of the United States.

To apply for the scholarship, please visit <http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/apply.cfm>.