

THE WBMA EDUCATIONAL LINK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2000 Scholarship Recipients

Amanda June Bakkedahl graduated from Fergus High School in Lewistown, Montana. She has been accepted into Concordia College to study business.

During high school, Amanda was active in Student Council, Key Club, Honor Society, Letterman's Club, America's Promise, Student Representative, Church School, basketball, volleyball and tennis. She was chosen to represent Lewistown at Girls' State, Homecoming Queen, voted by coaches as the Most-Improved Player for Varsity girl's basketball and has been involved with the First National Bank Board since 1998.

Since 1995, she has worked part-time for Edgewood Building Supplies performing secretarial duties, stocking shelves and cleaning the showroom.



Kristen A. Snook graduated from Auburn High School in Auburn, WA, and has been accepted to Linfield College where she plans to study Pre-Medicine and then pursue a doctorate degree in the medical field. Kritsen spent two years in the Sports Medicine Program, was a student teacher for the anatomy and physiology classes at her school, and also worked at the local fire department for two years as a mentor. During this time she was also involved in student government, Key Club, Respite Care, the varsity tennis team, the Outdoor Education Program for elementary students and taught CPR and first aid in the school district.

In the coming years she plans to continue to volunteer in the community and fire department, travel and hopes to eventually work in pediatrics or emergency medicine.

David R. Parry, Nampa, ID, is currently attending the University of Idaho and is a second time recipient of a Link Scholarship. He has been studying computer science, math and history, is in the University Honors Program, Scholars Dormitory President, Dorm Council and has been a counselor for the American Legion Boys State of Idaho for two years.

David has taken accelerated classes in high school and college enabling him to graduate early. He said, "My long term goals are to graduate and either continue on to graduate school or enter the work force and make my contribution."



Dianna N. Stephens, Manzanita, OR, is a second time recipient of a Link Scholarship which has enabled her to attend Willamette University.

She states, "I am unsure of my major right now, but am really enjoying my Spanish classes. I plan to study in Spain a semester my junior year, so a Spanish major is perhaps where I will end up. A Spanish degree is a very helpful tool in the business world. Being bilingual, I have virtually doubled my clientele by reaching to the large Hispanic population of the United States with my business."

It is Dianna's hope to one day take over the family lumberyard and to give back to the community that has made her who she is today.

The WBMA Educational Link Scholarship Fund was established by the members of Western Building Material Association for the purpose of assisting in providing higher education opportunities for children of members' employees, and the employees themselves. The Link Fund is in its 8th year and recently awarded four \$1750 scholarships to the above recipients. Scholarship amounts are determined by the interest income generated from the fund each year. The caliber of individuals applying for the scholarships is inspiring, reinforcing the fact that there continues to be a lot of very fine people in our industry. This perpetual fund can help see that these individuals develop into solid leaders of tomorrow by affording them the opportunity for higher education. The Link Fund receives its growth from the raffle held during WBMA's Annual Convention and other company contributions received throughout the year. The Link Fund has also grown through memorials as industry members remember their colleagues and loved ones. Your contribution qualifies as tax deductible to the non-profit WBMA Link Scholarship Fund, incorporated in the State of Washington. Contributions can be sent to the WBMA office at PO Box 1699 - Olympia, Washington, 98507.