DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors
BY: Bob Pickard
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution naming Brandon Scharper and Kelly Forsythe as the recipients of the 2004 Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), Rural Alliance, Incorporation (RAI) and the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Rural Scholarship; Authorize staff to send a letter with the Resolution to RCRC directing them to route the scholarship checks through the Mariposa County Schools Foundation. The Mariposa County Schools Foundation agreed to select, award, and administer the scholarship program on behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, and has selected two Mariposa County High seniors to equally share in the $1,000 scholarship program, with each receiving $500.

Before RCRC and RAI will award the scholarship money, a county wishing to participate in the scholarship program must adopt a Resolution with the recipient’s names and addresses.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On February 24, 2004, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 04-71 approving the participation of Mariposa County in the Rural Scholarship Program. The Board also directed staff to request the Mariposa County Schools Foundation select, award, and administer the scholarship program. The Mariposa County Schools Foundation agreed to perform these responsibilities on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $________
Additional Funding Needed: $________
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue ( ) 4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds ( ) 4/5’s vote
Contingency ( ) 4/5’s vote
( ) General ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Resolution
Letter from RCRC

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 2004-71 Ord. No. _______
Vote – Ayes: ______ Noes: ______
Absent: ______
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ______
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ______
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
✓ Requested Action Recommended
___ No Opinion
Comments:
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CAO: ______

Revised Dec. 2002
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 04-389

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PARTICIPATION OF
MARIPOSA COUNTY IN THE
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL COUNTIES AND
RURAL ALLIANCE, INCORPORATION
RURAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Rural Alliance, Incorporation (RAI) has created a scholarship program to advance better education for rural California residents, and

WHEREAS, each county that is a member of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) will be allotted up to a total of $1,000 for up to two scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has read and agrees to abide by the scholarship program guidelines adopted by the RCRC Board of Directors and the RAI Board of Directors.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the following individuals are selected to receive the 2004 Regional Council of Rural Counties, Rural Alliance, Incorporation and Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Rural Scholarship.

$500 to Brandon Scharper, 5265 Cole Road, Mariposa, CA 95338

$500 to Kelly Forsythe, Post Office Box 277, Catheys Valley, CA 95306

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 17th day of August 2004, by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County by the following vote:

AYES: STETSON, BALMAIN, BIBBY, PARKER, PICKARD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE

GARRY R. PARKER, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:
THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel
January 30, 2004

The Honorable Bob Pickard, Supervisor
Mariposa County
PO Box 784
Mariposa, CA 95338

RE: Student Scholarships

Dear Supervisor Pickard:

During the preparation of the 2004 budgets for RCRC and its associated entities, including Rural Alliance Inc. (RAI), funds were included for a local scholarship program for all RCRC member counties. This will continue a program created in 2002. The idea was to utilize funds generated by RAI, which is legally separate from RCRC, and to provide those funds to deserving students in each member county. The RAI budget included $30,000 for such purposes, with $1,000 allocated to each RCRC member county.

The intent of a scholarship program is twofold:

- An increase in education for rural residents is a benefit for rural California. College and trade schools are increasingly expensive, and financial aid is needed by virtually all rural students.

- The scholarships are a way to “give something back” to our member counties in furtherance of RAI’s charitable, educational and scientific purposes.

The RCRC Board and the RAI Board have jointly adopted a standardized set of rules to administer this program. The adopted rules are as follows:

1. Scholarship funds of up to $1,000 will be available for every member county of RCRC as of January 1 for use during the ensuing 12-month period.

2. In the event that a county does not utilize its full share of $1,000, unused funds will NOT be reallocated to other counties or carried over into future years.

3. The RCRC President and RAI President will jointly administer the scholarship program. They will notify the Board of Supervisors of each county regarding availability of the scholarships, and keep a record of recipients named by the counties by program year. Actual disbursements will be made from RAI funds.

4. Students attending a college or trade school of any type and for any area of study are eligible for scholarship funds.
5. Each Board of Supervisors will decide, in any manner it deems appropriate, who from their respective counties is to receive the funds, except that no more than two scholarships not exceeding a total of $1,000 may be awarded by a county. The Board of Supervisors must notify RCRC/RAI of its decision on scholarship recipient(s) and their addresses by passage of a Board Resolution or Minute Order and transmittal of the same to RCRC/RAI for the current program year, whereupon funds designated will be sent directly to the recipient(s).

6. RCRC/RAI will not require verification of student attendance at an educational institution as a condition of the award. It is assumed that the Board will verify or is otherwise satisfied that the recipient designated by the Board will use the funds for qualified educational purposes.

7. The scholarship shall be awarded as the "Regional Council of Rural Counties and Rural Alliance, Inc. Rural Scholarship Program", and in the name of the respective county's Board of Supervisors.

We are happy to report that all RCRC member counties participated in the scholarship program in 2003. We hope your county will participate in this scholarship program this year. To participate, your Board must adopt a resolution in substantial compliance with the attached draft resolution. We will also need the full name and address of the recipient(s). If you would prefer that we route the check through an organization or foundation, we will do that in lieu of a direct check to a recipient(s).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brent or his assistant, Margaret Sorensen.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Brent Harrington
RCRC President and CEO

[Signature]
Marcia Basque
RAI President

cc: Mariposa County CAO
September 15, 2004

Brent Harrington  
President and CEO  
Regional Council of Rural Counties  
801 12th Street, Suite 600  
Sacramento, California  95814

RE: RCRC and RAI Scholarship

Dear Brent:

Attached is Mariposa County Resolution Number 04-389, which was adopted by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on August 17, 2004. The Resolution gives the names, addresses, and scholarship amount of the 2004 Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) and Rural Alliance, Incorporated (RAI) Scholarship Program recipients for Mariposa County. Please route the scholarship checks through the Mariposa County Schools Foundation at the following address:

Lorelei Begley  
c/o Yosemite Bank  
Post Office Box 5000  
Mariposa, California  95338

Thank you for your assistance in routing the scholarship checks through the Mariposa County Schools Foundation, and especially for your efforts in continuing the RCRC/RAI Scholarship Program. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

MARY B. HODSON  
Deputy CAO

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Attachment

cc: Mariposa County Schools Foundation

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board