

2011 Ascentra Scholarship Competition Winners Announced

Carrie Kulp and Samantha Beitzel have been chosen as Ascentra Credit Unions' \$1,000 scholarship recipients.

The scholarship entrants were judged on a 500 word essay on the topic, "What is the Best Way to Attract New Members Ages 18-25?" All entries were judged on their essay, resume, awards, extracurricular activities, volunteer services and work experience. This year's winners are:



Samantha Beitzel, Princeton, Iowa, of is the winner of our \$1,000 traditional high school scholarship. Samantha is currently a senior at North Scott High School and plans to enroll in a four-year private college this fall. Although she enjoys studying the sciences, her passion is for English and the arts. Samantha has been involved in many extra-curricular and volunteer activities throughout her four years at North Scott High School including North Scott Student Government and Teens for Tomorrow.



Carrie Kulp, of LeClaire, Iowa, is the winner of our \$1,000 non-traditional scholarship. Carrie is a current student at Scott Community College, and will be transferring to the University of Iowa this fall. Carrie's educational focus is on math, and hopes to one day teach young people in a way that cultivates curiosity and a natural love of learning. Her academic achievements include being on the President's List for three semesters, as well as the Dean's List for one semester. Carrie is also involved in a number of on-campus and volunteer activities.

Awarding a total of \$2,000 in scholarships is another way Ascentra Credit Union recognizes that financial planning and education is essential to lifetime success for our members and community. "Listening, caring, doing what's right" are words the credit union follows every day.