**Hagen-Harvey Memorial Scholarship Board**

DATE: Wednesday, June 21, 2023- 1:00-3:00 p.m. CDT

Location: Mackay Building, Conference Room 3

 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501

Conference Call Access: 1-253-205-0468/ ID: 988 9747 4389 Passcode: 369233

Present: Lorenzo Bettelyoun, President

Valentina Merdanian, Member

Daryl Russell, Member

Julie Wolfe on behalf of Sherry Johnson

Excused: Sherry Johnson

Department of Education staff in attendance: Mark Gageby and Janet Penticoff

**Opening Comments:**

Meeting was called to order by President Bettelyoun at approximately 1:04 p.m. CDT. Welcome and introductions of members and staff present were made.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Merdanian made a motion to adopt the June 21, 2023, agenda; the motion was seconded by Russell. The motion prevailed by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Merdanian made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting on June 21, 2022; the motion was seconded by Russell. The motion was prevailed by voice vote.

**Available Funding:**

Mark Gageby with the Department of Education gave an overview of funding available. Discussion from the Board about how many applicants to award for 2023 based on funding available. One student was lost on the funding list due to not returning any information in and no contact.

**Application Discussion:**

There was discussion by the Board about applications being make available to students earlier in the year to encourage more applicants to apply.

It was suggested to send out in January after Christmas break.

Selection deadline would be April 15

Notify winners before May so they can be notified at awards/scholarship banquet.

The actual application and rubric are both great.

It was also discussed to have a booth and banner at the LNI Invitation to hand out applications. Additional information on the website would also be accessed.

**Continuation Scholarships:**

There was only one loss out of the 16 applicants that have been funded. Some students haven’t returned their information and the information is needed to continue their funding in the fall.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**Executive Session:**

Merdanian made a motion to move into executive session to discuss applicant details for the 2023 award year; the motion was seconded by Russell. The motion prevailed by voice vote.

Bettelyoun made a motion to move out of executive session and second by Russell. The motion prevailed by voice vote.

The following are recipient award winners.

Taylor Evan, Burke

Kashlin Bettelyoun, Eagle Butte

Jess Harper, Faith

Sofia Yellow Thunder, Red Cloud

Bobbie Fischer, Wall

Aleya Miller, Winner

Rylee Root, Winner

Alternates:

First - Dakota Smith, TF Riggs Pierre

Second - Josie Curry, Elk Point

Merdanian moved to accept the suggestion to award the seven applicants plus two alternates scholarships discussed in executive session; the motion was seconded by Russell. The motion prevailed by voice vote.

**Future Meeting Schedule:**

The board plans to meet the in April 2024 for the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Merdanian made a motion to have the meeting adjourned and seconded by Russell. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:07 p.m. CDT.