Named after the founder of Par Aide Products Co., the Joseph S. Garske Legacy Awards now are in their third year of funding two scholarship grants to children and grandchildren of MGCSA members.

The Par Aide firm, located in St. Paul, contributes $2,500 annually, divided into two grants. This year Lucas A. Mahal, son of Doug Mahal, superintendent at The Minikahda Club, received his second grant of $1,250. He is a natural resources student at Vermilion Community College in Ely.

Awarded her first $1,250 grant for the 1998-99 school year was Amy Mounts, Evansville, daughter of Peter Mounts, superintendent at Tipsinah Mounds Golf Club, Elbow Lake. Amy is a computer science student at the University of Minnesota in Morris.

The late Mr. Garske, who died at the age of 76 in 1982, started Par Aide in 1954 with plans to make a “good” ball washer. A foundryman and avid golfer, he knew little about the golf business, tried to sell his ideas for design and tooling to two accessory companies, was turned down by both and so began Par Aide Products Company.

The Garske scholarships were started two years ago by Joseph Garske’s son, Steve, who noted that his father “was an orphan with only a sixth grade education and was self-conscious about his lack of formal schooling, but he always wanted to help young people with their education.”

“I am pleased to have our company provide these scholarships since the superintendent’s job has become ever more demanding and, for many superintendents, providing a college education for their children requires true sacrifice,” Garske said. “I am fortunate to have the opportunity and ability to help.”

For more information about applying for these and other MGCSA scholarships, call the MGCSA office at (612) 473-0557 or toll free at 1-800-642-7227 or fax (612) 473-0576.