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MAGCS Scholarship Committee

It is with great pride and purpose that the MAGCS will be conducting a fundraising golf outing to support the Association's annual scholarship campaign. The event will occur on Monday, July 28, 2008, at the Geneva Golf Club, in Geneva, Illinois. This venerable club and its affable Superintendent, Ed Braunsky, CGCS, will host.

The MAGCS's Scholarship fund has supported the financial needs of our members' children or grandchildren with college scholarships since 2000. Only the brightest and best students, those with the ability to serve the community and excel academically, are awarded scholarships. The list of past MAGCS Scholarship recipients is long and demonstrates high standards of achievement. This year will be no exception. Three scholarship recipients will be recognized at this event.

We are very excited and fortunate to be returning to Geneva GC this year. In 2000, they hosted our first MAGCS Scholarship Golf Outing.

Since 1900, the Geneva Golf Club has enjoyed a rich history. It offers a unique club atmosphere in the Chicagoland area. Family, community, and genuine fun are combined. The club underwent an extensive renovation in 1999 including re-grassing greens, tees, and fairways, along with bunker reconstruction. The club re-opened in 2000 to rave reviews on its course conditioning and renovation. It retains its celebrated character and charm.

The Geneva GC membership has graciously donated the use of the club for the day's event in order to maximize fundraising. This generosity on the part of the GGC membership shows their commitment to creating community, hospitality, and goodwill; it also helps guarantee success for the event. I applaud the Geneva GC membership for their support and kindness. I commend Ed Braunsky for his guidance, support, and stewardship of our profession with the MAGCS. Their gifts benefit our scholarship recipients.

The MAGCS Scholarship eligibility requirements are simple; First, candidates must be the child or grandchild of a current

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MAGCS member in good standing for at least three or more consecutive years. The member must currently be active in one of the following classifications: A, SM, C, D, or E. Second, the applicant must be enrolled full-time at an accredited institution of higher learning, or in the case of high school seniors, must be accepted at such an institution for the next academic year. Graduating high school seniors must attach a letter of acceptance to their application. That's it! The rest is up to the selection committee. It is comprised of three individuals with no MAGCS ties who evaluate the applications independently. The applications are read and judged under complete anonymity. Their decision is final.

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The MAGCS is poised to extend greater opportunity to our members' children. Every single gift, no matter the amount, is important to the success of this campaign. **-OC**