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- **Miles Hinson, PA**
- **Anna Matlin, NJ**

- **Kevin Mo, PA**
- **Benjamin Tong, CA**
- **Thomas Ulrich, WI**

Congratulations to the winners for their outstanding achievement!

About the Scholar-Chessplayer Awards Program

The Scholar-Chessplayer Awards program was established in the 1980s, and is administered by the US Chess Federation and the US Chess Trust.

These annual scholarships awarded by the **U.S. Chess Trust**, the **National Scholastic Chess Foundation**, and the **USCF**, are *“intended to recognize and encourage high school junior or senior students who promote a positive image of chess.”*

High School students who have shown outstanding merits in academics, sportsmanship and chess were eligible to apply for these scholarships. Five awards of \$1,500.00 each (total of \$7,500) in scholarship money are awarded. The funding for this program is provided by the **US Chess Trust**, a 501(c)(3) organization and the **National Scholastic Chess Foundation**.

This year’s students were selected from 15 applicants by a panel of judges appointed by the **Scholastic Council** of the **USCF**. In recognizing this year’s winners, Mr. Weeramantry observed the geographical diversity of the recipients and drew attention to the high calibre of all the applicants.

Thanks to the generosity of it’s long-time supporters, the **U.S. Chess Trust** continues to fund many wonderful programs including the **Scholar-Chessplayer Awards**.

A special thanks to the **National Scholastic Chess Foundation** for their contribution to this program.

About the U.S. Chess Trust

The U.S. Chess Trust is an independent 501(c)(3), non-profit organization.

Created in 1967, the Trust was organized to promote, stimulate and encourage the study and play of the game of chess as a means of intellectual development. The Trust uses its resources for charitable purposes, including social, educational, scientific, historical endeavors. The U.S. Chess Trust takes an active role in supporting chess education programs across the nation. Our Trustees act without compensation, and are dedicated to the U.S. Chess Trust’s mission. Donations to the U.S. Chess Trust are tax-deductible.

For more information about the U.S. Chess Trust please visit: www.uschesstrust.org.

About the United States Chess Federation

The United States Chess Federation (USCF), founded in 1939, serves as the governing body for chess in the United States and is now headquartered in Crossville, Tennessee. USCF is devoted to extending the role of chess in American society. It promotes the study and knowledge of the game of chess, for its own sake as an art and enjoyment, and as a means for the

improvement of society. The USCF is a not-for-profit membership organization with over 80,000 members.

For additional information on the USCF see: <http://www.uschess.org>.

About the National Scholastic Chess Foundation

The National Scholastic Chess Foundation (NSCF) is a non-profit foundation organized for educational purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The NSCF was created in 1991 as a merger between the Westchester Chess Foundation (founded in 1985) and the Fairfield County Chess Foundation. The Executive Director of the NSCF is FIDE Master Sunil Weeramantry.

For additional information on the NSCF see: www.nscfchess.org.