

2006 Scholarship Grant Recipients

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Scholarship Foundation, Inc. awarded 2006 scholarship grants in the amount of \$1000 each to Kimberly Timmers, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Nicole M. Winkler, of Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Our judges for the 2006 competition, Thomas R. Maines, Jerome A. Manley, John B. Shirley, Whitney P. Mullen, and Lynn D. Ball, commend these two recipients chosen from a field of excellent candidates. The profiles following, listed in alphabetical order, summarize our recipients' unique excellence, and we thank the sponsors who nominated each candidate.

Kimberly Timmers, sponsored by her father, Christopher B. Timmers of Outpost #3, is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina where she is majoring in print journalism. Miss Timmers was admitted to USC with high honors in academic performance. In high school, Kimberly's extra-curricular interests focused on drama, art, athletics, and extensive community service. She also served as class treasurer and as a captain of the Cross-Country Team. At USC, her extra-curricular interests include print media activities, drama club, and athletics. Kimberly's personal essay focuses on her critique of *To Hell and Back*, the motion picture adaptation of Audie Murphy's experiences during WW2. Through her analysis of the film,



Kimberly was able to discern Murphy's early life of sacrifice, which she felt supported his later selfless courage and bravery. She concludes her essay with these words: "*To Hell and Back* is a truly compelling and moving depiction of war, the 3rd Infantry Division, and World War II's most celebrated soldier. It gave me a greater appreciation of the military and showed me that heroes are everywhere and can come from all walks of life."

Nicole M. Winkler, sponsored by her maternal grandfather, Curtis M. Pilgrim of Outpost #1, is attending Augustana College, a private liberal arts institution located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Miss Winkler, admitted to Augustana College "With Distinction," is majoring in mathematics. In high school, Nicole held "Top Student" awards in science, technology, art, and band. She was a member of the math team and National Honor Society and was active in musical groups where she played the trumpet or cello in the orchestra and jazz, pep, and marching bands, as well as in the percussion ensemble. Nicole teaches both Sunday and Bible Schools and volunteers at the Marie Sandvick Center and the Anne Pierce Rodgers Shelter. Her personal



essay, entitled "Patriotism and Pride," discusses ways in which she develops patriotism and pride in all that she does while observing these qualities in others. Nicole's overall goal is to keep the United States clean, safe, and beautiful while sharing her pride in our country, its leaders, and its military with everyone. In conclusion, she states, "Through all my activities in school and in the community, I have grown in my understanding of the meaning of patriotism and national pride. I am eternally grateful to those who have given up their lives for our great nation and to those who devote themselves to improving our nation now, and I know that I will continue to do all that I can to make the United States of America the best it can be."