

# Meet the 2006 MFSC Scholarship Winners!

The 2006 MFSC scholarship committee is pleased to introduce you to the recipients of this year's conference scholarships. The competition was most keen with 13 applicants applying for the four awards being offered. All applicants were worthy of the award which made the selection process that much more difficult. The committee wishes to thank all of the applicants for taking time to apply and we wish we could offer a scholarship to all of you. We encourage you to continue your interest for future conferences. Please join the committee in congratulating our winners for 2006!

## Congratulations to each of you!

**Shirley A. Hill** – Shirley is a 24-year employee with Wayne County Friend of the Court. She works in the Interstate area of child support. Her duties include the redirection of interstate payments and case closure. This conference will make her fourth State conference and she has attended several regional conferences with the Southeast Region Family Support Council. Shirley says, "I found the information (at State Conference) to be valuable in the performance of my job....and I feel that my participation in the conference will help me to stay abreast of any changes or have information that will assist in furthering my knowledge in my current position. I feel this training would be an asset to my department and I will share the information with peers to improve our overall case handling process." Congratulations Shirley, on being named one of our 2006 Scholarship winners!

**Deborah K. Ackerman** – Deborah is a three-year employee with the Otsego County Prosecutor's Office where she works as a Child Support Specialist. She is attending her fifth State conference. Deborah says, "This conference will reinforce what I have already learned and update me (on) current and future changes. I hope to be able to process cases more efficiently and accurately. We are a small county and I am the only worker for child support in the PA office. In larger counties, workers only need to learn part of the process, but I need to understand the total process and be able to work with the PA and the FOC in establishing these cases." Congratulations Deborah, on being named one of our 2006 Scholarship winners!

**Judy A. Jones** – Judy is completing her fifth year as a Referee Secretary for Jackson County Friend of the Court Office. Her work finds her involved with the pro per motion docket, preparing orders from such motions and evidentiary findings, handling client questions and acts as a go to person between the County Clerk's Office since her office is located in a different building across town from the Clerk. Judy says, "The reason I wanted this scholarship is to improve my skills at the FOC. The one time I attended this conference, I came back with knowledge in various areas of operations. I believe that any time training is offered, it should be utilized." Congratulations Judy, on being named one of our 2006 Scholarship winners!

**Heather Streicher** – Heather is a 7-month employee with the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Her job focuses on locating non-custodial parents, establishing paternity and obtaining new support orders. Heather says, "Through this scholarship program counties with limited budgets such as Lake County, are given the opportunity to attend this year's conference. As a new employee, I believe this conference would be very beneficial to me. I have recently graduated from college so I know bookwork will assist me, but only so far. The most essential part to becoming a master of your job is getting the experience in the field. By going to this conference, I would have the opportunity to speak with people who do the same job as me. This would assist me in becoming more familiar with the child support system and the process and the procedures that pertain to it." Congratulations Heather, on being named one of our Scholarship winners!

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