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A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veterans Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, millions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 1000 different private scholarship sources. The scholarship list includes the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size, #10 envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P. O. Box 650067, Potomac Falls, VA 20165-0067.

City, County to Receive \$375,000 Federal Technology Grant For Public Safety Communications

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services in the U.S. Department of Justice will give Winston-Salem and Forsyth County a \$375,000 COPS Technology Grant to improve the public safety mobile data network, Congresswoman Virginia Foxx of the Fifth District announced today.

The money will be used to improve the ability of officers and deputies to receive such information as arrest records, photographs, and outstanding arrest warrants on their in-car computers.

The grant was included in the House-Senate conference report on the Department of Justice Appropriations bill, Foxx said.

"I am delighted that the vital funds I have been fighting for to equip our first responders were included in the conference report," Foxx said. "The risk to police officers involved in potentially dangerous situations is minimized when those in the field have ready access to critical information. The Mobile Data Network will greatly help our dedicated emergency service personnel keep our Forsyth County families safe."

The grant will finance improvements to the system of towers that serve the public safety communications system. After the improvements, the eight towers in the city and county will be able to transmit data to in-car computers. Currently, data is transmitted from a central location; the towers broadcast only radio calls.

Police Chief Pat Norris said that the grant will make an excellent communications system even better. "Our new public safety communications system offers outstanding coverage for our radio transmissions and the COPS Technology Grant will extend this capability to our need to transmit data to the officer in the field."

Forsyth County Sheriff Bill Schatzman said the grant will improve the safety of deputies and police officers by ensuring that they get the information they need. "Every time a deputy or an officer stops a vehicle there's a risk. If they can know in advance, on that rare occasion, that they are dealing with someone who is wanted for a violent crime, they will be that much better prepared to protect themselves."

Also speaking at the news conference were, Council Member Vivian H. Burke, the chairman of the City Council's Public Safety Committee, and Gloria Whisenhunt, the chairman of the Forsyth County Commissioners.

The grant is expected to arrive in mid-2006.

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