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### **LifeStore Announces Employee Scholarship Recipients**

West Jefferson, NC – LifeStore Bank and Insurance recently announced the recipients of their 2013 employee scholarships. “LifeStore has a passion for supporting education,” said Judy Current, Marketing and Public Relations Director. “We sponsor educational events, support our local schools and promote learning opportunities within our community. We want to offer assistance to our employees and help out with this most important endeavor by offering the LifeStore Family scholarship.”

This year LifeStore has awarded a total of \$10,000 in employee scholarships, with three Ashe County High School students receiving \$2,000 each: Rachel Barker, Shelby Cochrane and Richard Isaacs.

Rachel Barker, daughter of Dawn Barker, a financial consultant in the Mt. Jefferson location, has worked at a number of Health Occupation Student Association, (HOSA) events and volunteered over 200 hours while in high school. Rachel's grandmother was influential in her decision to go into healthcare. She has already earned her CNA license and is working at Ashe Memorial Hospital. In the fall, she will attend Caldwell Community College and pursue a Nursing degree to become an RN.

Shelby Cochrane, daughter of Diane Cochrane, Accounting Officer, served on the staff for the Husky Paw, Ashe County High School's yearbook, throughout high school and was editor her Senior year. She was also active in the Beta Club. She credits her chemistry teacher, Mrs. Lopp, for influencing her career decision of pursuing a medical career. Shelby plans to enroll in Pre-Pharmacy classes at High Point University.

Richard Isaacs, son of Kim Isaacs, Business Insurance Account Executive, participates in the local blood drives and volunteers for the VFW haunted house fund raiser. Richard is interested in designing, drawing and gaming and credits his sister for influencing him. Richard will be attending Wilkes Community College to receive a degree in Graphic Design and Technical Ingenuity.

*LifeStore Financial Group, headquartered in West Jefferson, provides banking, investment and insurance services. It is a federally chartered thrift holding company that owns 100% of the common stock of LifeStore Bank (Member FDIC and Equal Housing Lender) and operates branches in Boone, Jefferson, Warrensville and West Jefferson.*

*LifeStore Insurance is an independent insurance agency that serves these markets along with Elkin, Lenoir, North Wilkesboro and Sparta.*

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