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Local 4-H Youth Member Recipient of NYS 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Courtney Weis, 18, of Gardiner, NY has been selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the academic year of 2010-2011. Weis was one of ten out of fifty applicants to be selected for this recognition. Each year, The New York State 4-H Foundation recognizes the achievements of their most outstanding 4-H members in the state. Courtney has been an active member of 4-H for thirteen years.

She is currently the president of the ABC 4-H Club where she plans curriculum, and teaches club members to become more involved in community service through club projects which have included, adopting a platoon for active service men and women in Iraq and sending care packages to children in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a teen representative for the Ulster County Strategy Committee, Weis is gaining assertiveness and learning real world skills by working with a diverse group of members. As part of her public presentation for 2005, she presented Organ Donor Awareness on a county, district and state level to raise concerns about current laws that effect distribution of organs to patients who need them most. She is President of 4-H Teen Council and is responsible for leading their meetings, encouraging and suggesting new community projects, helping to manage the 4-H Milk Shake Booth at the Ulster County Fair, and several holiday charity events to benefit needy families in Ulster County. Courtney has also been the recipient of several awards and has most recently received a President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, which recognizes Americans who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country.

Courtney's devotion to community service is shared with her Great Dane Zak, a therapy dog and certified reading dog. Courtney and Zak are familiar faces at the Duzine Elementary School and the Gardiner Town Library where they facilitate young children learning to read.

The formal announcement of your scholarship award will be made at the opening ceremony of the 4-H Career Exploration Program on June 29, 2010 at Cornell University.

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