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VANTAGE WEST INTRODUCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Five Students to Receive \$1,000 Each for College

TUCSON, Ariz. (March 13, 2015) – Vantage West Credit Union (www.vantagewest.org), Southern Arizona's largest credit union, has introduced a new scholarship program as part of its continued commitment to financial readiness. The program, which selects recipients based on a number of criteria, including academic merit, the quality and content of a written essay, and a student's character as demonstrated by activities and volunteerism, awards five \$1,000 scholarships for students who will be enrolled in college this fall.

Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges. The application deadline is April 25, 2015.

"With these scholarships, Vantage West is investing in our community's future," Robert D. Ramirez, Vantage West president and CEO, said. "We're hopeful that these scholarships will alleviate part of the financial burden most young adults face when heading off to college. And, we are excited to have the ability to positively influence the financial stability of our future workforce."

Four of the scholarships are available to any student, and one is reserved for students enrolled in the Mammoth-San Manuel Unified School District. Applicants must either be Vantage West Credit Union members in good standing, or be the minor children of members in good standing.

In addition, applicants must be full-time students for the fall 2015 semester, enrolled at a state or nationally-accredited higher education institution.

To apply, visit <u>vantagewest.org/scholarship</u>. Rules for the <u>general scholarships</u> and the <u>Mammoth-San Manuel scholarship</u> can also be found on the Vantage West website.

About Vantage West Credit Union

Vantage West Credit Union is a \$1.4 billion financial institution in Arizona, which serves a growing membership of more than 130,000. Vantage West has branches in Pima, Pinal, Maricopa and Cochise counties and serves its vast global membership via online channels, as well. Vantage West is a full service financial institution, offering consumer and business loans, credit cards, and deposit products, as well as retirement accounts and other financial services. Vantage West is federally insured by NCUA. www.vantagewest.org