Western Endowment

Western Equipment Finance and Western State Bank have established a $20,000 scholarship endowment at Lake Region State College in Devils Lake, North Dakota.

Western understands the rising costs of college tuition and the debt that accumulates when students graduate. To help alleviate some of the financial burden, Western will provide an annual scholarship through its endowment at LRSC.

"Western is proud to provide this opportunity to hard-working, dedicated students. As an organization, we can recognize as well as reward students as they work toward obtaining an excellent education to reach their future professional goals," said Laurie Bakke, Western Equipment Finance president.

Western also provides numerous options for students to assist them with their financial needs. A special checking account created for full-time students, additional bank scholarships, and rewards for high school students who excel with their quarterly grades are a few programs that Western has created to assist students with their growing financial needs. Western is also very active with teaching financial literacy to students from elementary school through college.

"The scholarship endowment is another way Western strives to help the people of the Lake Region make their dreams come true," said bank president Brett Johnston.

Western State Bank is employee-owned and offers superior full-banking services, investments, and real estate financing to personal and business customers. Bank locations are in the North Dakota communities of Devils Lake, Towner, West Fargo, and Fargo and in the Arizona communities of Casa Grande, Chandler, and Scottsdale.

In 1990, the bank established a full-service commercial equipment company, Western Equipment Finance. Headquartered in Devils Lake, it offers both conventional financing and leasing options throughout the United States.

The Western Equipment Finance and Western State Bank Endowment will provide a scholarship annually for an exemplary student with financial need. ♦