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Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation Announces 2014 Higher Education Scholarship Recipients

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The Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of their 2014 Higher Education Scholarship Program. The program awarded two scholarships at the \$10,000 level and 51 scholarships at the \$3,500 level, together totaling \$198,500 to eligible current bookstore employees/owners and their dependents as well as former Borders Group employees and their dependents. The awards may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and room and board. Funds may also be used over consecutive years if the student is not able to use the entire award for the 2014-2015 academic year.

A third-party academic selection process conducted by Scholarship Management Services (SMS) evaluated scholarship recipients. Selection criteria included financial need, prior academic success, leadership capabilities, and participation in school and community activities, work experience and a statement of career aspiration. A list of winners can be found here: <http://www.bincfoundation.org/request-assistance/scholarship/>

“We are thrilled to continue to provide scholarships to bookstore employees and their dependents, especially given the challenges of funding a college education,” said Binc Executive Director, Pam French. “Once again the candidates, from across the country, were impressive. We are proud and fortunate to help 53 of them achieve their educational dreams.”

Information about how booksellers can apply for the 2015 Scholarship Program will be released in Spring 2015. Stay tuned to www.bincfoundation.org for more details.

About The Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation

The Book Industry Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that coordinates charitable programs to strengthen the bookselling community. Established in 1996, the core program provides assistance to bookstore employees who have a demonstrated financial need arising from severe hardship and/or emergency circumstances. Since its inception, the organization has provided over \$5 million in charitable assistance to more than 6,900 families. Support for the Foundation’s programs and services come from all sectors of the book industry.

The Book Industry Charitable Foundation’s mission is to strengthen the bookselling community through charitable programs that support employees and their families. The Foundation was imagined and built by booksellers and proudly continues to be their safety net. It is our vision to be a caring community of book people.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.bincfoundation.org>.

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