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Deadline for Delaware Students to Apply for Need-Based College Scholarships is October 30, 2010

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During this back to school season, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans is reminding Delaware teens that the chance for a college education is just an application away. The state scholarships are made possible by the Michele Rollins Family, who has supported the state through the Horatio Alger Association for the past seven years.

The association and the Rollins family are offering college scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 for teens who qualify for the need-based scholarship. The students will be selected for the Horatio Alger Delaware Scholarship because they have persevered in overcoming adversity while demonstrating excellence in academics, admirable character and community contributions.

"Thanks to the wonderful generosity of the Rollins family for nearly a decade, we are able to provide Delaware teens with a chance at a higher education and a better life," said Terrence J. Giroux, executive director, of the Horatio Alger Association.

The Rollins family has a long history of supporting education in the state of Delaware, particularly with the funding of the Horatio Alger Scholarship program. Through Michele Rollins' leadership, \$2M in funds has been donated to the Horatio Alger scholarships. 344 scholars in 44 Delaware high schools have been awarded since 2003.

Qualified teens can apply online at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/index.cfm. The list of past Delaware winners can also be found here.

In 2010, the Horatio Alger State Scholarship programs have awarded more than 675 state scholarships to students throughout the country.

Horatio Alger scholars are provided with numerous resources to ensure a successful college career. Each student receives:

Financial aid guidance to assist in the selection of, and preparation for, college.
Access to the association's Web site, where students can create online profiles, search for fellow scholars, update their personal information, submit disbursement requests and direct questions to the association.

Access to a toll-free information line, to speak to program coordinators for assistance with questions about their scholarships and other educational programs.

About the Horatio Alger Association:

Founded in 1947, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans continues to fulfill its mission of honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals in our society who have succeeded in spite of adversity and of encouraging young people to pursue their dreams through higher education. The Horatio Alger Association offers three annual scholarship programs: the National Scholarship Program, state scholarship programs, and graduate grants. Since 1984, the association has awarded over \$70 million in college scholarships to deserving young people. The

association is a Combined Federal Campaign participant; # 77062. For more information, please visit www.horatioalger.org.