

# NPEF AWARDS \$10,500 TO OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

This is the 4th year the Northern Plains Eye Foundation has awarded scholarships for students pursuing college health-care studies. This spring NPEF judges chose six high-achieving high school seniors from a record-setting field of 120 applicants from four states. In addition, three dedicated former NPEF winners claimed our "Continuing Scholar" awards to aid their progress in health-care related fields of study. Scholarship criteria included academic merit, involvement in health-care related activities or studies, leadership, school activities and community service.

For the 2008-09 academic year, the NPEF Board of Directors increased the total award amount to \$10,500 in recognition of the importance of our educational mission and the need for future health-care and eye-care professionals. Special thanks to two sponsors who aided NPEF with funds for the Continuing Health-Care Education Scholarships: Rapid City Downtown Lions Club and Black Hills Regional Eye Institute. If you are interested in sponsoring a scholarship for 2009-2010, or endowing a scholarship, please call Kathleen Kovarik at (605) 716-6733 or email at [kkovarik@npef.org](mailto:kkovarik@npef.org).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SIX HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENTS



**Thomas Brockhoff**  
\$1500  
Winner HS (SD)  
U of NE/Lincoln  
Pre-Med/  
Ophthalmology



**Kristin Kramlich**  
\$1500  
Eureka HS (SD)  
U of SD  
Biology/Pre-Optometry



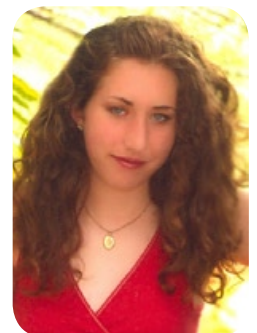
**Joanna Rodenborn**  
\$1000  
Brandon Valley HS (SD)  
U of ND  
Nursing



**Nicholas Stukel**  
\$1000  
Gregory HS (SD)  
Augustana College  
Pre-Med/Chemistry



**Robert Placek**  
\$1000  
Alliance HS (NE)  
Creighton University  
Chemistry/Pre-Med



**Whitney Weber**  
\$1000  
Washington HS (SD)  
U of MN, Twin Cities  
Biology/Pre-Med

## CONGRATULATIONS TO NPEF'S THREE CONTINUING SCHOLARS:



**Elise In't Veld**  
4th Year Winner  
\$1500  
Belle Fourche, SD  
SD State University  
Biology/  
Ophthalmology



**Rachele Schrader**  
2nd Year Winner  
\$1000  
Colome, SD  
SD State University  
Biology/Ocular  
Oncology  
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Lions Club**



**Jerika Ihnen**  
2nd Year Winner  
\$1000  
Tea, SD  
SD School of Mines  
& Technology  
Chemistry/Health  
focus/Eye-care  
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