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## \*\*\* MEDIA ADVISORY \*\*\* <u>Reagan Foundation to Award \$50,000</u> <u>in College Scholarships to</u> <u>Ventura High School Seniors</u>

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is pleased to announce its twelfth year of the *Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholars Program*. This scholarship program honors President Reagan's lasting legacy of leadership each year by rewarding deserving seniors graduating from Ventura County high schools who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and strong character throughout their four years of high school.

\$50,000 in scholarships will be distributed to twelve local leaders with college scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,000. Awards are designated for tuition, books, and room and board only. In addition, the top 2 students will select a teacher of their choice to receive \$500 for use within their classroom. Scholarships will be paid in full within the year awarded directly to the college of the scholar's choice.

Students designated as Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholars will be invited, with their families, to a dinner at The Reagan Library in May 2011, when the \$50,000 worth of scholarship funds will be awarded.

For the first time since the Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholars Program was instituted, applicants will complete the entire application process online at <u>www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships</u>. Applications must be completed no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2011 to qualify.

In addition, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, in partnership with GE, is launching a new national scholarship program to commemorate the Centennial of President Reagan's birth. Information about the GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program is also available at <u>www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships</u>.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the promotion of the legacy of Ronald Reagan and his timeless principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy, and national pride. It sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center and The Air Force One Pavilion. Located in Simi Valley, California the Library houses 63 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It now also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th President.