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SHAWNEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP

SHAWNEE, KS, February, 2010 – The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce welcomes applicants for its annual Betty Charlton Scholarship award. The application deadline is Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

This scholarship was founded in memory of Betty Charlton, a long-time chamber employee, to provide education assistance to area students. The student must be a high school senior who demonstrates involvement in community leadership and has the equivalent of a 3.0 grade point average. **An official copy of the student's transcript must accompany the application to be considered for the scholarship.** Once awarded, the scholarship will be paid and disbursed jointly to the student and school. The scholarship amount will be \$1,500.

The scholarship applications are due to the Shawnee Chamber office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2010. The recipient will be notified in April and recognized at the June monthly membership luncheon.

For more information regarding criteria or to request an application, please call the chamber office at 913.631.6545. Or, applications can be downloaded from the Chamber's website www.shawneeschamber.com or, the Greater Community Foundation website, www.gkccf.org, select 'Resource Center', 'Scholarship Search' – click: 'View All Scholarships' at the top of the page, scroll down the listings to the 'B' where you will find the Betty Charlton Scholarship Fund. Click on the criteria and application in a PDF format.

About the Chamber:

Established in 1946, the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization that works to preserve the best possible business climate and quality of life for Shawnee. With nearly 700 business members, the Shawnee Chamber Corporation (501C6) is comprised of three divisions: the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, the Shawnee Economic Development Council, and the Shawnee Convention and Visitor's Bureau. For more information, contact us at 913.631.6545 or visit our website at www.goodstartshere.com.

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