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Special 40th Anniversary Bonus Gift **to Members of the Alabama State Games Family**

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA – Since 1993, the Alabama State Games has offered scholarships to our athletes who attend the State Farm Athlete Leadership Summit and participate in our Opening Ceremony. In that time, our commitment to academic excellence has translated into **\$335,610** of academic scholarship money being awarded. As we are days away from the 40th Anniversary Alabama State Games, another \$20,000 will be added to that tally as 17 scholarships are scheduled to be awarded on June 9.

But wait ... there's more.

In appreciation for your past support of the Alabama State Games program, and in celebration of our 40th Anniversary Alabama State Games we are announcing today that two additional \$4,000 scholarships will be awarded as part of the 40th Anniversary Referral Program. Participating athletes will have a more significant opportunity to win a bonus academic scholarship by referring family members, relatives, or friends to join in the 40th Anniversary Alabama State Games. Simply stated: if you refer a friend, relative, or family member and they register for the 40th Anniversary Alabama State Games, you will have a chance to win one of two additional \$4,000 scholarships.

For event information and to register for the 40th Anniversary Alabama State Games go to ALAGAMES.com.

As for the 40th Anniversary Referral Program: please email roncreel@alagames.com the names of the individual(s) that you have recommended registering for the

40th Anniversary Alabama State Games June 9-11 in Birmingham and Jefferson County. The top two persons who recommend the most athletes that go on to register for the Games based on your recommendation will automatically win the two new \$4,000 academic scholarships.

On top of the original 17 scholarships equaling \$20,000, the addition of the bonus scholarships runs the total academic award given during the 40th Anniversary Alabama State Games to \$28,000 and the overall amount awarded to \$363,610. The Academic Scholarship Awards can be used at two-year or four-year colleges and universities or at trade schools.

They are also transferable. If for some reason the scholarship award recipient is unable to use the scholarship, they have the option to pass the award on to a sibling, family member, friend or person of their choosing.

“Our Board of Directors and employees want every to know that we believe in a quality State Games competition but most important of all is for our Alabama State Games Athletes to continue their education after high school and attend a two or four-year college/university/technical school in order to achieve the best possible job available to them,” said Ron Creel, founder of the Alabama State Games.

The ASF Foundation and the Alabama State Games were established in 1982 as a nonprofit organization at the request of the United States Olympic Committee. Alabama’s state games program is the second oldest in the nation behind Massachusetts. However, **ours is the first state games program to televise Opening Ceremony live to a statewide audience and to show an established commitment to academic success by awarding more than \$300,000 in academic scholarships.**

The Alabama State Games are for athletes of all ages and abilities from the state of Alabama and neighboring, border states. The 40th Alabama State Games begin June 9 with the State Farm Athlete Leadership Summit and the Opening Ceremony inside UAB’s Bartow Arena. The Opening Ceremony starts at 7 p.m., is free to the public, and will be televised live on the Alabama State Games statewide Television Network: (*WBRC in Birmingham, WAFF in Huntsville, WSFA in Montgomery, WALA in Mobile, and WRGX in Dothan*). For more information go to ALAGAMES.com and follow the Alabama State Games on Facebook and Instagram.

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