TAKE CHARGE AMERICA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF FINANCIAL LITERACY SCHOLARSHIP FOR ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Second annual scholarship culminates financial education outreach from 2011/2012 school year; Educators have opportunity to adopt personal finance curriculum utilized in outreach efforts

PHOENIX – (June 14, 2012) – Take Charge America, Inc., a non-profit credit counseling and debt management agency based in Phoenix, is proud to announce the recipients of the second annual Take Charge America Financial Literacy Scholarship.

More than 120 high school students from around Arizona submitted essays analyzing a case study about personal finance issues young adults face. Five students were selected among 12 finalists:

- 1st Place, $1,000 Scholarship: A’Vanti Glenn, Florence High School, Florence
- 2nd Place, $750 Scholarship: Sommer Berry, Centennial High School, Peoria
- 3rd Place, $500 Scholarship: Jesse Quisdo, Coconino High School, Flagstaff
- 4th Place, $250 Scholarship: Zoey Sarah Josephin Tonn, Saguaro High School, Scottsdale
- 5th Place, $250 Scholarship: Krista Moller, Chandler High School, Chandler

Throughout the 2011/2012 school year, Take Charge America presented a personal finance curriculum to thousands of high school students statewide. The scholarship opportunity culminated the outreach, allowing students to showcase their financial knowledge. It was open to all graduating seniors in Arizona.

Take Charge America uses lesson plans developed by Family Economics & Financial Education (FEFE), a program that provides middle and high school teachers nationwide with free personal finance curriculum and training. More than 25,000 teachers have registered for the curriculum, impacting about 750,000 students annually. Take Charge America helped establish FEFE in 2001 and has remained committed to supporting it ever since.

High school teachers and administrators interested in introducing the FEFE curriculum to students can contact Take Charge America’s Director of Education Mike Sullivan at msullivan@takechargeamerica.org.

“It’s crucial we educate our youth on how to properly manage their finances now and in the future, especially in light of recent economic conditions,” said Sullivan. “Early outreach gives our kids much better chances of maintaining financial stability throughout their entire lives, and it removes barriers to accomplishing many of their long-term goals.”

More Information:

- Take Charge America: www.takechargeamerica.org
- FEFE Lesson Plans: www.fefe.arizona.edu

About Take Charge America, Inc.

Take Charge America, Inc., a non-profit financial education, credit counseling, housing counseling and debt management agency, is dedicated to helping consumers nationwide improve their financial
futures. Founded in 1987, the organization has helped more than 1.6 million consumers nationwide manage their personal finances and debts. To learn more, visit www.takechargeamerica.org or call (888) 822-9193.

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