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NWILED Announces 2025 Entrepreneurial Scholarship

HANOVER – Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) is excited to announce the application window for our annual John D. Cooke, III Memorial Entrepreneurial Scholarship is now open. Like in 2024, there will be one \$2,000 first place award and two \$1,500 runners up awards.

Recipients shall be full-time students who reside in Carroll or Jo Daviess counties that are in good academic standing in the qualifying school year. The 2025 application can be downloaded at www.NWILED.org, and completed applications should be sent to David Schmit, Regional Director: DSchmit@nwiled.org or 1 Commercial Dr, Ste. 2. Hanover, IL 61041 by Monday, March 31, 2025.

ABOUT NWILED:

Northwest Illinois Economic Development was formed in 2008 by the Jo-Carroll Energy Board of Directors whose main goals were to spearhead economic development structures, funding and progress in Jo Daviess, Carroll, and Whiteside counties in Northwest Illinois. The Board's focus was to form a regional development entity concentrating on growing the economy and public/private partnerships.

Today, NWILED promotes economic development by fostering business growth and assisting expanding and relocating businesses in determining their needs for growth with cooperation of government and business partners. NWILED encourages entrepreneurs by assisting with access to resources to begin and grow their businesses and employ all available resources to create a welcoming business environment, aligning the skills of the available workforce with the needs of businesses, and building political and economic capital.