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SSGA – COMMITTED TO COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

For the past 95 years, the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) has advocated beef industry interests through communication, education and research. The 2008 scholarship opportunities exemplify this SSGA tradition.

The SSGA offers **The Environmental Stewardship Award (TESA)** in conjunction with Ducks Unlimited Canada and RBC Bank. Open to Saskatchewan cattle producers, TESA recognizes innovative and successful approaches to environmentally and economically sustainable cattle production. The deadline for TESA nominations is May 23, 2008. Winners will be announced during the SSGA banquet on June 16, a highlight of the SSGA 95th Conference and Annual General Meeting that takes place June 15 to 17 at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon. Further information and application forms for TESA are available on the SSGA website www.skstockgrowers.com or from the SSGA head office at Box 4752, Main Floor, Canada Centre, Ipsco Place, Regina S4P 3Y4.

The **Carl Block Memorial Stewardship Education Fund** was established in 2002 by the SSGA and the Block family. A rancher, teacher and innovator; the late Carl Block lived his beliefs of sustainable land stewardship and sound animal husbandry on the family ranch in the Great Sand Hills of Saskatchewan. Recipients of the Fund are recognized for projects related to re-vegetation and reclamation of indigenous grasses of the Prairies. Applications should be emailed to both of the following addresses: blocks.ranching@xplornet.com and ssga@sasktel.net no later than November 1, 2008. Applications should include Contact Information, Project Description, Project Justification/Rational and Funding Information.

The \$1,000 **SSGA Rangeland Scholarship** is available to a Saskatchewan student pursuing an education in range management who is an SSGA member or an immediate family of an SSGA member. The SSGA Rangeland Scholarship was established through donations from SSGA members matched by the Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management's Fish and Wildlife Development Fund. Application deadline is November 1, 2008. The successful applicant will be announced at the SSGA Semi-Annual meeting scheduled for January 2009. Further information and application details about the SSGA Rangeland Scholarship are available from the SSGA Regina office Box 4752, Main Floor, Canada Centre, Ipsco Place, Regina S4P 3Y4.

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