



First Wind Awards Scholarships to Maine Students

Three seniors at Maine high schools will each receive \$3,000 scholarships through the First Wind Scholars program

Boston, MA—May 24, 2011—[First Wind](#), an independent United States wind energy company, today announced the 2011 recipients for their *First Wind Scholars* program. Scholarships have been awarded to college-bound students from communities where the company currently has a project in operation or in an advanced stage of development. Three of this year's fifteen national recipients are from Maine. Nicklaus R. Carter from Sumner Memorial High School, and Dillan M. Hesseltine and Selden D. Porter from Mattanawcook Academy each received \$3,000 scholarships through the *First Wind Scholars* program.

"In its second full year, we were very pleased to see the significant increase in applications from so many talented and bright high school students in the communities where we develop and operate wind projects," said Carol Grant, Senior Vice President of External Affairs for First Wind. "As we grow our development of clean, renewable energy projects across the Northeast, the West and Hawaii, we will continue to expand our scholarship program with the hope that students within our host communities take full advantage of it. For our 2011 recipients, we wish them all the best during their college careers and we are excited about their future contributions in the fields of environment, energy and the sciences."

Launched in October 2009, *First Wind Scholars* offers one-time, \$3,000 scholarships to support local high school students who display strong potential for a successful college experience, as well as interest in the environment, energy or the sciences. In addition, one student nationwide wins a four year scholarship of \$5,000 annually. Successful applicants were chosen based on a number of factors, including academic performance, standardized test scores, community service activities and a 300-word essay.

Nicklaus Carter is a member of the National Honor Society, school winner of the Mathematics Competition Test 10, tutor, open house and freshman day volunteer, and enjoys math and basketball. In the fall he will attend University of Maine, Orono, where he will major in Chemical Engineering.

Dillan Hesseltine is a member of the National Honor Society, bridge student at Upward Bound, plays tennis, participates in the band/jazz ensembles, and is a member of the M.A. Engineering Team and Every 15 Minutes. He will be attending Maine Maritime Academy in the fall where he will study Marine Engineering Technology.

Seldon Porter is a member of the math team, pep band and jazz band. He has received the Williams College Book Award, Pre-Calculus Award, Chemistry Award, Statistics Award and Academis Award and also enjoys tennis, soccer, and cars. Seldon will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in New York where he will major in Mechanical Engineering.

First Wind owns and operates three projects in Maine: the 57 MW Stetson I and 26 MW Stetson II projects, both near Danforth, and the 42 MW Mars Hill Wind project in Mars Hill. The company is also currently building the 60 MW Rollins Wind project, which is situated in the towns of Lincoln, Burlington, Lee, Winn and Mattawamkeag. First Wind also has projects in development in Eastbrook and Oakfield, Maine.

For more information on *First Wind Scholars*, visit www.firstwind.com/scholarships.

About First Wind

First Wind is an independent wind energy company exclusively focused on the development, financing, construction, ownership and operation of utility-scale wind projects in the United States. Based in Boston, First Wind has wind projects in the Northeast, the West and in Hawaii, with the capacity to generate up to 635 megawatts of power and projects under construction with the capacity to generate up to an additional 121 megawatts. For more information on First Wind, please visit www.firstwind.com or follow us on Twitter [@FirstWind](https://twitter.com/FirstWind).

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