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## **OVAAA Announces 2008 Automotive Scholarship Recipients**

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C.** – The Ohio Valley Automotive Aftermarket Association today announced the winners of the OVAAA Memorial Scholarships for 2008. The selected students will each receive a scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Students selected to receive the OVAAA scholarships are:

- Steven Wesel, Marietta, Ohio \$1,000
- Chelsea Imm, Glandorf, Ohio \$500
- Adam Dickson, Canton, Ohio \$500
- Jaime Schwender, Fairview Park, Ohio \$250
- Cody Sinclair, Sterling, Ohio \$250
- Kathleen Spears, Carrollton, Ohio \$250
- Blake Uland, Pioneer, Ohio \$250
- Catherine Palange, N. Olmstead, Ohio \$250

OVAAA students selected to receive national GAAS scholarships are:

- Steven Wesel, Marietta, Ohio \$1,000 GAAS
- Adam Dickson, Canton, Ohio \$1,000 GAAS
- Cody Sinclair, Sterling, Ohio \$1,000 Automotive Communication Council

The scholarship results with student pictures and bios may be viewed on the OVAAA Website at [www.ovaaa.org](http://www.ovaaa.org)

“The Ohio Valley Automotive Aftermarket Association is happy to help these eight young men and women, in some small way, to pursue their goal of a college education,” said Gary Murdock, President of OVAAA.

OVAAA, along with several other associations, collaborated with the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium (GAAS) Scholarship Committee to create an online scholarship resource for students in 2008.

Through this cooperative effort, students were able to complete one online application at [www.automotivescholarships.org](http://www.automotivescholarships.org) and receive consideration for the OVAAA Memorial Scholarships, the GAAS scholarships and other awards for which the student met the individual association qualifications.

“We are pleased to have OVAAA join us in the important work of creating this valuable resource for students and promoting this investment in our industry’s future,” said Pete Kornafel, chairman of the GAAS Scholarship Selection Committee. “Automotivescholarships.org will begin accepting applications in September 2008 for the 2009 scholarships, and we look forward to a continued partnership with OVAAA,” he continued.

### **About GAAS**

The GAAS scholarship program has presented more than 1,300 scholarships and more than \$1.3 million since it was formed in 1996. Details about the GAAS scholarship program are available at [www.automotivescholarships.com](http://www.automotivescholarships.com).

The annual investment to help develop future aftermarket industry leaders is primarily funded through proceeds from the annual Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium. This two-day program brings together numerous industry executives and examines the issues and trends affecting the automotive aftermarket industry and influencing its future. The 2009 event is set for Wednesday and Thursday, May 6-7, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago.

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