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Hamilton, ON – FirstOntario Credit Union provides Youth Members the opportunity to achieve more than their financial goals.

Every year, FirstOntario offers three \$1,500 bursary awards to assist outstanding youth Members with their upcoming secondary school education expenses.

FirstOntario is pleased to announce the recipients of our three bursary awards for 2008. Congratulations go to Paula Grcevic of Niagara Falls, Todd Mahler of Caledonia and Jade Scapillato of St. Catharines. All 3 candidates demonstrate outstanding leadership potential and commitment to their respective communities while striving for academic excellence.

Recipients were selected based on criteria such as leadership skills, volunteer activities, credit union knowledge and demonstration of co-operative philosophies. The bursary awards were presented to each recipient in their FirstOntario home branch.

In business since 1939, FirstOntario Credit Union serves over 68,000 Members and offers a full suite of banking products including daily banking, mortgages, lines of credit, loans and investments. FirstOntario has over \$2 billion in assets under administration and currently has 17 branches serving 11 communities within the Greater Hamilton Area, the Niagara Region and South-Western Ontario. Membership is open to anyone living or working in the areas in which FirstOntario operates.

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