

2007 PA State JAKES Scholarship Award by Gene Alwine

This year's state scholarship recipient came from the Whitehorse Mountain Longbeards Chapter in Somerset County. Ashley Blough submitted quite a packet, making it clear that she's been a JAKES member for years, studies hard, involves herself in her school and community and has such an interest in the outdoors that her college major in Environmental Sciences will keep her in touch with this passion. The Conemaugh Township Area High School in Davidsville will have a void to fill in replacing this class officer, athlete and giving volunteer as she will attend the University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown this fall.

As the reviews were completed, the question was asked of the panel, "What number do you have as your highest scorer?"...the number referring to the packet, as the submissions are kept confidential. The entire panel had #20 as their high scorer. I can't remember another time this has occurred, a unanimous vote! We are very happy for Ashley and wish her well for the National Scholarship reviews. Ashley received a \$500.00 local scholarship because the Whitehorse Chapter kicks in \$250.00 of their own. Then, she was awarded the \$1,000.00 from the state level and now could possibly receive an additional \$10,000.00 from the national level. We're pullin' for ya, kiddo!

Thanks goes out to all the chapters that participate in the Scholarship Program. If your chapter does not as yet, I ask you at this time to consider this 5-Star Project in the future. Contact your RD or anyone on the State Chapter Board for the answers to any questions that may be holding you back. This is truly a rewarding experience.