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**Road Runners Club of America
Seeks Applications for 2011 Roads Scholar® Program**

Arlington, VA - Since 1996, the Road Runners Club of America has awarded stipends through its Roads Scholar program to assist American post-collegiate road runners who show great promise to develop into national and world class road running athletes.

The Roads Scholar program has distributed over \$330,000 to emerging American distance runners since the programs inception. Grants in the amount of \$5,000.00 per year have been awarded to four to six athletes annually since the program's inception. The driving factor in the creation of this program was the goal of improving the state of long distance running in the United States.

The RRCA is now accepting applications for our 2011-2012 Roads Scholar class. The deadline for applying is April 30, 2011. More information about the program along with the application can be found on-line at <http://www.rrca.org/programs/roads-scholars/>.

The program is directed towards runners who:

- Are US citizens;
- Have recently graduated from college;
- Plan to pursue elite distance running as a career;
- Expect to earn less than \$30,000 from all sources during the calendar year.

The program is 100% supported by contributions from events, clubs, and individual donors. To learn more about supporting this program visit us at <http://www.rrca.org/about/support/>.

About Road Runners Club of America:

Founded in 1958, the RRCA is the oldest and largest national association of running clubs, running events, and runners. The mission and vision of the RRCA is to promote the development and growth of running clubs, running events, and supporting the common interests of runners throughout the country at all stages of life. The RRCA provides the national infrastructure for the development of adult and youth running clubs and events. The organization actively promotes running as a sport, healthy lifestyle choice, and a positive social activity. The RRCA strives to provide quality programming that can be replicated throughout the country, such as the highly successful *Start a Running Club* turnkey program that has been the cornerstone of the organization for over fifty years. Learn more about the RRCA at www.RRCA.org.