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**LEAD Agency, Inc.
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Scholarship Announcement

LEAD Agency is announcing that three \$250 scholarships for local graduating high school seniors are available. Students must complete an application and return to the address on the form. Application deadline is August 1, 2009. The scholarship awards will be awarded for use during the 2009-2010 school year. Awardees will be recognized during the 11th National Tar Creek Conference, September 22-24 at the Miami Civic Center.

“LEAD Agency is pleased to be able to reward graduating seniors for the work they have done for the environment and their community,” LEAD Agency’s Executive Director, Rebecca Jim stated. “Adults in the community were inspired by the youth in the Miami High School Cherokee Volunteer Society to organize LEAD Agency in 1997,” she continued. This scholarship is an effort by LEAD to recognize the youth of today who are concerned about their surroundings and are involved in making a difference. These students are the leaders of tomorrow.

This year applicants are allowed to add one additional page to the application. Examples: poem or personal essay about the environment, health or leadership. Applications should be mailed or delivered to the LEAD Agency office at 2205 E. Steve Owens, Miami, OK.

All scholarship details are printed on the application. High schools in Miami, Commerce, Picher, and Quapaw were given the applications this spring and the application is available on the website, www.leadagency.org . LEAD Agency finds it an honor to give back to the community in this way.

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