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**NORTH SHORE COLLEGE STUDENTS GET RELIEF**

*American Consumer Credit Counseling Pledges Support for Scholarship Fund*

**Newton, MA – April 12, 2004** –American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC) today announced a commitment to the North Shore Consumer Credit Association Scholarship fund (NSCCA), which provides funding for North Shore residents in college. ACCC will donate \$1000 toward scholarship funds for qualified applicants.

“North Shore Consumer Credit Association appreciates ACCC supporting our scholarship fund. Their generosity will help NSCCA make up for the rising costs of tuition,” said Jim Kelly, president of NSCCA. In order to qualify, scholarship candidates must be residents in the North Shore area covered by the NSCCA and have their application reviewed and approved by the scholarship committee of the NSCCA. They must also be enrolled in a degree program at an accredited college or university, and must have successfully completed at least one semester of study in that program. Scholarships will be awarded based upon: need, academic standing, extra curricular activities, special honors received (scholastic, athletic, community, etc.) and character.

“The importance of helping young people finance an education is something that ACCC strongly believes in,” said Steve Trumble, president of ACCC. “We understand how stressful college financial worries can be—for parents and students. As a non-profit committed to consumer education we’re glad to do our part” Trumble added.

*American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC) is a national non-profit (501)(c3) organization specializing in professional education and credit counseling services. ACCC provides individuals with practical solutions for solving financial problems and recognizes that consumers’ financial difficulties are often not the result of poor spending habits but more frequently from extenuating circumstances beyond their control. ACCC strives to empower consumers to regain control of the quality of their lives through education and money management. ACCC’s experience has lead to success in serving thousands of consumers who are debt-free or on the road to financial independence. Educational services include a comprehensive SmartMoneySchool program which includes information on how to make informed financial decisions, budgeting and spending plan programs, identity theft and student debt. For more information please visit [www.consumercredit.com](http://www.consumercredit.com).*

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