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### **The Boeing Company and ThanksUSA to Award \$25,000 in Scholarships to Families of Active Military Members**

WASHINGTON, July 30, 2009 – ThanksUSA and The Boeing Company announced today they will award \$25,000 in college scholarships to students who have applied for financial support through ThanksUSA. A total of eight Boeing/ThanksUSA awards will be donated, with six to be awarded to engineering students and two to political science majors.

“We are pleased to be able to offer these scholarships to such deserving students with Boeing’s help,” said Michele Stork, executive director of ThanksUSA. “We awarded 400 scholarships last year, and Boeing’s generous donation is helping us get closer to reaching our goal of surpassing 2,000 after just four years.”

ThanksUSA began in 2005 as the idea of two Virginia schoolgirls as a way to mobilize Americans to thank active-duty troops for defending our freedoms. Over the past three years, ThanksUSA has awarded need-based, post-secondary scholarships to more than 1,750 spouses and children of military members serving on active-duty status. The organization has awarded about \$5 million in scholarships to families representing all branches of the Armed Forces, including the Guard and Reserves, in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

“Boeing is committed to helping communities and is honored to assist the spouses and children of America’s military,” Jack Catton, Boeing Vice President for Air Force Precision Engagement Systems said. “This partnership with ThanksUSA allows us to continue our efforts to thank the men and women in uniform who serve our country.”

In addition to supporting the education of families of active-duty military personnel, Boeing also provides scholarships to historically black colleges and minority institutions and awards scholarships to children of Boeing employees who are chosen as National Merit Scholarship winners.

To support ThanksUSA’s scholarship fund, please visit [www.ThanksUSA.org](http://www.ThanksUSA.org) to make a donation.

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**About Boeing**

Boeing is the world's leading aerospace company and the largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners and military aircraft combined. Additionally, Boeing designs and manufactures rotorcraft, electronic and defense systems, missiles, satellites, launch vehicles and advanced information and communication systems. As a major service provider to NASA, Boeing operates the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. The company also provides numerous military and commercial airline support services. Boeing has customers in more than 90 countries around the world and is one of the largest U.S. exporters in terms of sales. Headquartered in Chicago, Boeing employs more than 160,000 people across the United States and in 70 countries. Total company revenues for 2008 were \$60.9 billion.

**About ThanksUSA**

Founded in the fall of 2005, ThanksUSA, a non-partisan 501(c) (3) organization, is an effort to thank the men and women of our armed forces and their families for their service to the country with the gift of education. The organization provides need-based, posts-secondary education opportunities to the children and spouses of active-duty status military personnel through competitive scholarships. For more information, visit [www.ThanksUSA.org](http://www.ThanksUSA.org).