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

WASHINGTON, May 6, 2010 – ThanksUSA announced today that The Boeing Company will provide \$25,000 in college scholarships to the spouses and dependents of active-duty military through ThanksUSA’s scholarship program. For the second year in a row, a total of eight Boeing/ThanksUSA scholarships will be awarded, with six for engineering students and two for political-science majors.

“We are so thankful for Boeing’s continued support of ThanksUSA’s military family scholarship program,” said Michele Stork, executive director of ThanksUSA. “We’ve expanded our program for 2010 to cover additional forms of academic training, and Boeing’s generous donation will help us to meet the various educational needs of military families.”

ThanksUSA began in 2005 when two Virginia schoolgirls sought to mobilize Americans to thank active-duty troops for defending our freedoms. Since 2006, ThanksUSA has awarded nearly \$6 million in need-based, post-secondary scholarships to almost 2,000 spouses and children of military members serving on active-duty status. Scholarships have been awarded in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to families representing all branches of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and the families of the wounded and fallen.

“Boeing is committed to supporting America’s men and women in uniform and partnering with ThanksUSA provides an additional means for us to thank them and their families,” said Jack Catton, Boeing vice president for Combat Air Force Systems. “We’re honored to help fund these scholarships for the men, women and children who sacrifice so much for our country.”

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.

ThanksUSA is still accepting applications now through May 15, 2010. To support ThanksUSA’s scholarship program or submit an application, please visit [www.ThanksUSA.org](http://www.ThanksUSA.org).

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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 158,000 people across the United States and in 70 countries. Total company revenues for 2009 were \$68.3 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).