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“Celebrating 60 Years”

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FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT WANTS TO INVEST IN LOCAL STUDENT **Offer includes scholarship and guaranteed job**

Mahomet, IL, March 21 – The Champaign County Forest Preserve District has unveiled a unique plan to support a Champaign County college student. Funded by the CCFPD Foundation, a combination scholarship and internship program will provide \$1,500 each semester for a student’s entire two or four years *and* provide employment while the student is in school.

“We want to find and invest in a motivated individual who will excel academically and on the job,” said CCFPD Executive Director Jerry Pagac. “We think this is a great opportunity to help groom someone to potentially become a permanent member of our team.”

Applicants must reside in Champaign County and be accepted and plan on attending an accredited community college or university in a field of study related to the mission of the Forest Preserve District. If selected, the student will sign a contract that will spell out the obligations of the student and the District. The student will be required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average (4.0 scale) each semester and satisfactory job performance while working for the District in the summer or on a part-time basis during the year.

Information and applications have been distributed to all high schools in the county and are available on the District website at www.ccfpd.org. Questions may be directed to Mary Beck at (217) 586-3360 or mbeck@ccfpd.org. Applications are due April 15, 2008.

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District provides conservation, education and recreation for the citizens of Champaign County and manages 3,500 acres of open space located at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet; River Bend Forest Preserve, Mahomet; Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer; and Middle Fork River Forest Preserve, Penfield. The CCFPD includes the Early American Museum, Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden and Lake of the Woods Golf Course in Mahomet and the Middle Fork Campground in Penfield.