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**Erika Lang Girl 3 and Steven Brooks Boy 3 Awarded Scholarships**

**For Overall Performances at 2011 Water Ski National Championships**

Polk City, Fla. – Erika Lang, 16 of Gilbert, Arizona was awarded the Linda Giddens Scholarship and Steven Brooks, 18 of Canyon Lake, California. was awarded the Dr. J.D. Morgan Scholarship by achieving the most Overall Points in the Girl 3 and Boy 3 respectively division at the 2011 Water Ski National Championships, held in Wilmington, Illinois August 7 -13.

The Linda Giddens Scholarship is funded by Jody Johnson and the Dr. J.D. Morgan scholarship is funded by Dr. Mike Morgan, both donors are accomplished water ski athletes at the national and international level. The Scholarships are administered by the American Water Ski Educational Foundation (AWSEF). Each winner receives a \$1000.00 scholarship to be held in escrow by the Foundation until he or she enters a two or four-year accredited college as a full time student. The money must be used within one year after the recipient's graduation from high school or the money reverts back to the Foundation General Scholarship Fund.

Lang placed fifth in slalom (1.5 @ 35off), first in tricks (8990 pts), and fourth in jump (137') first in overall (3815.8) at the 2011 Nationals.

Brooks placed sixth in slalom (3 @ 35 off), first in tricks (58400 pts), second in jump (153') and overall (3207.9).



The American Water Ski Educational Foundation (AWSEF) was founded in 1968 as the non-profit parent organization of the Water Ski Hall of Fame and Museum. AWSEF is dedicated to the preservation of the traditions of one of America's most popular family recreational activities and encouragement of and education in the safe enjoyment of the sport of water skiing.

The Boy 3 and Girl 3 are funded by Jody Johnson and Dr. Mike Morgan. In addition, the Foundation funds six individual scholarships to college students who apply and qualify. They are selected by the AWSEF Scholarship and Financial Aid Committee. Students interested in AWSEF Scholarships can download application from [waterskihalloffame.com](http://waterskihalloffame.com) or they can request an application in writing to AWSEF Scholarship, 1251 Holy Cow Road, Polk City, and FL 33868-8200. The Deadline for the 2012 application is March 1, 2012.