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San Antonio, TX- Winners of the San Antonio Livestock Expo, Inc. scholarships were awarded at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Open Horse Show, held February 16-17, 2008. A combined total of \$16, 000 worth of scholarships were given to Elise Butler of Spring Branch, TX and Jaclyn Stuart of Boerne, TX.

Elise Butler, 17, was the first place winner, receiving the \$10,000 scholarship. She showed her horse Somore Chips of Choc, known as Chip around the barn. Elise and Chip are off to a successful start in the short time they have been together. Elise is a senior at Smithson Valley High School and spends most of her free time working with her horse. She was very excited about winning the scholarship and being here with fellow competitors. She would like to thank the sponsors and volunteers of the show for making this possible, as well as her mom and dad, sister, Grandma, and Nana for supporting her. Elise would also like to give special thanks to her trainer Liñe Martin.

Jaclyn Stuart, 16, was the winner of the second place \$6,000 scholarship on her horse, Watch Me Win, or Charlie. Jackie says that Charlie is full of personality and always doing something to make them laugh. Jackie and Charlie have won four previous high-point awards at various shows and also made it to the finals at the state horse show. Outside of showing, Jackie is the president of the Kendall County 4-H club, enjoys playing tennis and dancing ballet. She also competes in public speaking and horse

judging contests. She says that she was extremely happy to win the scholarship but also to see how much improvement the pair has made over the past year. Jackie is very grateful to her parents for all the support they give her, even through late nights and early mornings, while she is showing.

To date, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo educational commitment exceeds \$79 million with a record \$7.6 million committed in 2007 in the form of scholarships, grants, endowments, auctions, a calf scramble program and show premiums paid to youth. Awards and scholarships for this year will add more than 300 new scholars to the program. Currently, there are more than 1,000 active scholarship recipients. Our scholarships are represented by students in 65 colleges and universities throughout Texas. For more information on the Horse Show Events and youth scholarships, please contact the Horse Show Office at 210-225-1309 or email [horse@sarodeo.com](mailto:horse@sarodeo.com).