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The Industrial Fabrics Foundation (IFF) has announced the winners of its student scholarship awards for 2011.

The awards provide tuition expenses at an accredited college, university or technical school for students who are interested in a career in the speciality fabrics industry.

The recipient of the IFF Student Scholarship was Vinitkumar Singh, a student at Texas Tech University studying for a master's Degree in environmental toxicology. A research assistant in the Nonwovens and Advanced Materials Laboratory at Texas Tech, Mr Singh hopes to develop speciality nonwovens for chemical and biological protection.

Morgan Bennett was also named winner of the IFF Student Scholarship. A student at Auburn University pursuing a degree in polymer and fibre engineering, Ms Bennett plans to research and develop materials for the protection of fire fighters.

Industrial Fabrics Association International Member Scholarship was presented to Maggie Will, who is studying for a degree in architecture at the University of North Carolina. The recipient of the Architect Student Scholarship was Simon Chiu, a student at the University of Southern California, pursuing a Ph.D. in architecture. He hopes to go on to research and teach fabric structure design.

The winner of the Fabric Graphics Association Member Scholarship was Noah Thompson, a graphic design student at the University of North Florida.

The Tent Rental Division Member Scholarship was awarded to Becca Barth, a student at Bowling Green State University, studying communications and business. Ms Barth hopes to develop public relations within the speciality fabrics industry.

Finally, the Marine Fabricators Association Member Scholarship was awarded to Larissa LeClair, an accountancy student at Towson University.

Applications and criteria for IFF scholarships will be available in early January at www.indfabnd.com, with awards going toward 2012/13 school year tuition.

Member scholarships are available to employees and family members of employees of companies that are members of the Industrial Fabrics Association International and/or the Fabric Graphics Association, the Marine Fabricators Association and the Tent Rental Division.

Financial need, academic achievement, community service and studies related to a career in the speciality fabrics industry are considered in the selection process.

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