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**TEWAARATON FOUNDATION OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR 2012 OUTSTANDING
NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications Due by April 15, 2012

WASHINGTON, February 24, 2012 – The Tewaaraton Foundation is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the annual Tewaaraton Outstanding Native American Scholarship, presented by US Lacrosse. Awarded to one male and one female each year, the scholarship honors high school students of Iroquois heritage who exemplify high character, leadership, and academics both on and off the lacrosse field. Applicants are requested to submit an essay describing what the sport of lacrosse means to them as a Native American as well as two letters of recommendation and a high school transcript.

"We are thrilled to once again present these scholarships honoring the sport's Native American heritage," said Steve Stenersen, President and CEO of US Lacrosse. "We encourage outstanding young Iroquois student-athletes who aspire to achieve their full potential on the lacrosse field and in the classroom to apply and take advantage of this tremendous opportunity."

Each scholarship recipient is awarded \$5,000 for education. The Tewaaraton Foundation also covers travel expenses for winners to attend the Tewaaraton Award Ceremony, May 31, 2012, at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC.

All application materials are due no later than April 15, 2012. For the full application and more information on the Tewaaraton Award, please visit www.tewaaraton.com.

About The Tewaaraton Award:

The Tewaaraton Award was formally established in August 2000 with the inaugural presentation taking place at The University Club of Washington DC in June 2001. The Tewaaraton Trophy symbolizes lacrosse's centuries-old roots in Native American heritage. Tradition dictates that each year the Tewaaraton Award celebrates one of the six tribal nations of the Iroquois Confederacy: the Mohawk, Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, and the Tuscarora. To honor the heritage of the sport, the Award presents two annual scholarships to students of Iroquois descent. The Tewaaraton Award is recognized as the pre-eminent lacrosse award honoring the nation's top male and female collegiate lacrosse players and is endorsed by the Mohawk Nation Council of Elders and US Lacrosse.

About US Lacrosse

US Lacrosse, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, is the national governing body for men's and women's lacrosse. US Lacrosse has more than 400,000 members in 64 regional chapters around the country. Through responsive and effective leadership, US Lacrosse strives to provide

programs and services to inspire participation while protecting the integrity of the game. To learn more about US Lacrosse, please visit www.uslacrosse.org.

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