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NFIB Announces 2011 “Young Entrepreneur of the Year” Winner

California teen recognized with \$10,000 scholarship for miniature skateboard business

WASHINGTON, D.C. – June 21, 2011 – In recognition of his work in becoming a leading seller of custom miniature skateboards in the United States, Dillon Morgan of Westlake Village, California, has been named the 2011 Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the National Federation of Independent Business Young Entrepreneur Foundation. Mr. Morgan was selected from among 4,000 nationwide candidates. In recognition of his achievements, Morgan has been awarded a \$10,000 educational scholarship that will help defray the cost of his tuition at the University of Southern California.

“The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in our next generation of business owners,” said Kurt Summers, chairman, NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation Board of Directors. “Our first prize winner, Dillon Morgan, was inspired to make custom miniature skateboards, known as ‘fingerboards,’ when he realized few of the products were actually made in America. Today, Dillon has filled over 5,000 orders for his products to 17 different countries, and his company, Z Shred, is on its way to becoming the most successful fingerboard company in America. Dillon’s ambition and innovation should be an inspiration to all young entrepreneurs. This year’s finalists all show an incredible drive for success, and I congratulate each of them for their accomplishments.”

Morgan says he was inspired to create his business manufacturing customized miniature skateboards after realizing there were few domestic manufacturers of the products. His business, [Z Shred](#), quickly took off when he became one of the first fingerboard companies to offer innovative new features and customizable options, such as polyurethane wheels and colored trucks.

“The memories, the experience, and the knowledge that has come from Z Shred is priceless,” said Morgan. “As I move on to college to major in business, my goal is to be involved in a hi-tech company creating Eco-friendly, innovative products that make the world...better.”

Morgan was among five finalists being considered for the \$10,000 scholarship. The four other finalists will receive \$5,000 scholarships. They are:

- **Jared Schlosnagle of Pleasureville, KY:** Mr Schlosnagle has been involved in the egg farming business since age 10, and today owns Chelsey’s Gourmet Pasture Eggs, which distributes to retailers and grocery stores such as Whole Foods.
- **Jordan Renda of St. John’s, FL:** Mr. Renda created a haunted house business called Haunted Productions, LLC. His company is in its third successful year with attractions such as the popular [Night Terrors Haunted House](#), a walk-through attraction in Jacksonville, FL.
- **Colton Day of Wellington, KS:** Mr. Day founded Colton Day Farms, a diverse agricultural company, in 2007. Today, he produces crops on 440 acres of dry land soil in south central Kansas. He also has 20 cows, which he breeds and sells the calves.

- **Rohit Agrawal of Plymouth, MN:** Mr. Agrawal is founder of [Pwn with your Phone](#), where he develops and sells applications for Android smartphones. His apps to enhance business productivity and user experience on Android phones have been recommended by publications such as PC World, the New York Times, and more.

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About NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization promoting the importance of small business and free enterprise to the nation's youth. More information is available at www.NFIB.com/YEF. The Foundation is associated with the National Federation of Independent Business; NFIB is the nation's leading small business association, with offices in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitals. Founded in 1943 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, NFIB gives small and independent business owners a voice in shaping the public policy issues that affect their business. NFIB's powerful network of grassroots activists sends their views directly to state and federal lawmakers through our unique member-only ballot, thus playing a critical role in supporting America's free enterprise system.

View Dillon Morgan's video acceptance speech: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gn35rnTk_8

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