A Minnesota State counseling student will receive a scholarship award in May from The Minnesota School Counselors Association. Amanda Bomstad, a second year graduate student at MSU focusing on mental health issues, says she looks forward to accepting it.

Bomstad will be receiving the 2005 Potential School Counselor Scholarship. She said to win this award, the student must apply online and have letters of recommendation, an internship, a statement of professional goals, related employment and any other qualifications.

The Minnesota School Counselors Association has been working with counselors and potential counselors for 33 years.

"I'm very honored to be winning the scholarship award," Bomstad said. "It's a nice recognition and is of academic importance to me."

The scholarship reward is $500 and it is presented to a student pursuing a master's degree in counseling or guidance. Bomstad says she plans to use the extra money to pay off students loans. She also has several people to thank for their
support, including the counseling advisors, Dr. Walter Roberts and Dr. Richard Auger.

"My family, in general, has been very supportive. Dr. Roberts and Dr. Auger have also been helpful," said Bomstad.

Last year's recipient of the scholarship award was also a student from MSU. Bomstad says there are several things that make the counseling program so good, such as the advisors and their helpful attitude toward students.

Auger says the counseling staff is proud to have a student like Bomstad win the award.

"It feels good to know that we are attracting students like Bomstad who make choices about where to pursue their counseling training based on the quality of the programs they examine," Auger said. "This award is a tribute to Bomstad and her talents and hard work."

Auger said having an MSU student win the award two years in a row reflects positively on the program, and Bomstad has excelled in it.

"She will be an excellent school counselor and it is because of people like Bomstad that I feel very hopeful for the future of school counseling in this state," said Auger.