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MCGA is Looking for Young, Talented Artists!

LANSING, MICH. – Are you a young budding artist looking for an opportunity for your artwork to appear on hundreds of t-shirts? Could you use some extra money for your future? Then get your creative fuels flowing because the Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) needs an engine revving design for their first ever Ethanol Night at the Races T-shirt Design Contest! The MCGA Ethanol Night at the Races event is held each year at Dixie Motor Speedway in Birch Run and is an annual membership appreciation night for MCGA members and their families. Attendees of the event enjoy a full night of great food, fellowship and racing while celebrating Michigan's nearly \$600 million ethanol industry and the benefits of the American-made fuel. All Ethanol Night at the Races attendees receive a complimentary t-shirt and this year it could feature YOUR design!

MCGA membership is not required for participation and all interested artists who are twenty-one (21) years of age or younger and are legal residents of the State of Michigan are encouraged to enter. Designs must be racing, ethanol or field corn-related (not sweet corn) and must be no smaller than 6 by 8 inches and no larger than 12 by 14 inches. Entered designs must be hand-drawn or computer-generated and suitable for four-color screen printing onto a white t-shirt. Participating artists may submit only one design and all entries must be received at the Michigan Corn office by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2011.

“The T-Shirt Design Contest is a great way for youth to learn about corn and ethanol while being able to think creatively and use their talents,” said Jody Pollok-Newsom, MCGA executive director. “We hope participants will visit our website or utilize other resources to learn about Michigan's corn and ethanol industries and incorporate that knowledge into their designs.”

The winning design will be selected by the MCGA staff to be printed onto more than 1,000 t-shirts that will be distributed at the Ethanol Night at the Races event on September 9, 2011. The artist of the winning selection will receive a \$250 savings bond, free t-shirt with their design and two tickets to the 2011 event. For more information on this exciting opportunity, please visit www.micorn.org or call 1.888.323.6601 to obtain the complete contest rules and official contest entry form.

Headquartered in Lansing, the MCGA is a grassroots-membership association that has represented the state's corn growers' political interests since the 1970s. The MCGA works cooperatively with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) a legislatively-established program that utilizes one-cent per bushel of Michigan corn sold and invests in research, education, new uses and market development. Michigan's corn industry adds more than one billion dollars to the state's economy annually and in 2010, Michigan's corn farmers harvested a record setting crop of more than 315 million bushels. For more information, visit the website of the MCGA and the CMPM at www.micorn.org.

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