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Duluth --- The establishment of a Victor F. Ridder Scholarship Fund at the University of Minnesota, Duluth was approved Friday in Minneapolis by the University's Board of Regents.

The scholarships will range from \$250 to \$1,000 per academic year. They will honor the memory of Mr. Ridder, the former board chairman of Northwest Publications Inc., who died in June of 1963 in New York City. At the time of his death at age 77, Mr. Ridder also was vice president and director of Ridder Publications and Twin Coast Newspapers Inc.

The initial donation of \$1,000 to the fund was made Friday in Duluth to UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland by Robert B. Ridder, President of WDSM and WDSM-TV, Duluth, with Robert J. Rich Sr., general manager of radio and television, participating.

"I am pleased that WDSM and WDSM-TV have seen fit to establish a scholarship in memory of Victor F. Ridder, a man many of us knew well as an enthusiastic booster for the development of UMD," Dr. Darland said. "Although Mr. Ridder's interests were broad, he viewed UMD's athletic program and cultural activities, especially those of Tweed Gallery, as important links between the campus and the community."

The scholarships will be administered by the Duluth campus Scholarship committee, provided that its recommendations be approved by the Provost. Applications will be filed with the Office of the Director of Student Personnel Services. Aside from his varied newspaper, radio and television interests, Mr. Victor F. Ridder earned national honors for his work with the Boy Scouts of America, the Boys Clubs of America, the Catholic Big Brother organization, and many social welfare groups. He was an avid sports fan and was acquainted with many of the top sports figures of the day. He spent his summers in Duluth until the mid-50s and lived at 2216 E. 2nd St.