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Independence Bank Awards Record Number of Scholarships in 2017

Since 2001, Independence Bank has awarded \$818,700 in college scholarships to high school seniors. This year was no different when Independence Bank awarded \$119,350 to high school seniors within their service area at a scholarship reception held Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

Thirteen students were chosen as county finalists and awarded the Maurice E. Reisz \$500 Scholarship along with a \$500 Ernie and Martine Davis Scholarship. The thirteen chosen were also competing for the Charles A. Reid \$15,000 Scholarship.

The thirteen finalists were:

Zachary Ellis-Calloway County High School

Rachel Hunter-Apollo High School

Alison Kuntz-Owensboro Catholic High School

Taylor Cheek-Franklin County High School

Ashley Hale-Mayfield High School

Olivia Potts-Hancock County High School

Isaac Oettle-Henderson County High School

Irelane Enoch-Madisonville North Hopkins High School

Jaylon Carr-Ballard High School

Michael-Ellen Walden-Paducah Tilghman High School

Emma Dame-McLean County High School

De'Angelo Wilson-Bowling Green High School

Helen Chavis-Webster County High School

The Charles A. Reid \$15,000 Scholarship went to finalist Jaylon Carr of Ballard High School in Jefferson County. This original scholarship started our program 16 years ago and is given in honor of former Independence Bank President, Charles A. Reid. His wish was to develop a scholarship program so that students could continue their pursuit of a higher education - something he placed the utmost importance on.

Lindsey Wagner and Claire Umstead of Calloway County High School received a \$750 Calloway County Community Board Scholarship. Lauren Wagner and Zachary Ellis of Calloway County High School, and Jonathan Hilbrecht of Murray High School each received a \$1,000 Calloway County Community Board Scholarship. Zachary Ellis also received the \$3,000 Ernie and Martine Davis Scholarship.



Tatum Helm of Owensboro High School received a \$5,000 Revolutionary Scholarship. Rachel Hunter of Apollo High School and Alison Kuntz from Owensboro Catholic High School received a \$3,000 Daviess County Community Board Scholarship. Lindsey Hunter of Apollo High School and Adam Bouchard of Daviess County High School each received \$1,050 Daviess County Community Board Scholarship.

Skylar Sudduth of Franklin County High School received a \$1,000 Franklin County Community Board Scholarship.

Skylar Hargrove, Alec McClain, and Alyssa Yancey of Graves County High School received a \$500 Graves County Community Board Scholarship. Camryn Kennemore of Mayfield High School also received a \$500 Graves County Community Board Scholarship.

Olivia Potts of Hancock County High School received a \$1,500 Hancock County Community Board Scholarship.

Maleeyan Gumbs of Henderson County High School received a \$4,000 Henderson County Community Board Scholarship.

Dylan Ashby and Tatyana Fields of Madisonville North Hopkins High School each received a \$1,000 Hopkins County Community Board Scholarship.

Lauren Berryman and Emma Greenwood of Sacred Heart Academy each received a \$500 Jefferson County Community Board Scholarship.

Brycen Flynn and Barton Christmas of McCracken County High School received a \$1,000 McCracken County Community Board Scholarship. Michael-Ellen Walden of Paducah Tilghman also received a \$1,000 McCracken County Community Board Scholarship.

Kailey Embry of McLean County High School was awarded a \$1,000 McLean County Community Board Scholarship. Grace Sallee and Trevor Turley of McLean County High School also received a \$500 McLean County Community Board Scholarship.

De'Angelo Wilson of Bowling Green High School received a \$3,000 Spirit of 76' Scholarship. Jordan Cummings of Warren East High School received a \$2,750 Warren County Community Board Scholarship.

Hanna Van Winkle and Helen Chavis of Webster County High School each received a \$1,000 Webster County Community Board Scholarship. Helen also received a \$7,500 Chairman's Scholarship.



Levi Nesler of Graves County High School was awarded the \$1,000 Derek Hart Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was funded by Danny and Melva Hart of Hickory, KY in memory of their son. The scholarship is awarded to a Graves County student with hopes of returning to the family farm.

Katherine Walker of DuPont Manual was awarded The Lanham Family \$3,000 Scholarship intended for a student pursuing a business major.

Jonah Brannon from Calloway County High School received the \$5,000 Independence Bank Ag Scholarship intended for a student pursuing a degree in agriculture.

Maleah Harris of South Spencer High School was awarded the Marjorie Reid \$10,000 scholarship. Marjorie Reid, wife of Charles A. Reid, was one of the founding partners of Independence Bank. Mrs. Reid awards this scholarship to a child or grandchild of an Independence Bank employee or director so that the pursuit of higher education is extended to our Bank family.

The \$10,000 Maurice E. Reisz Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Mya DeHay from Hopkins County Central High School. Mr. Reisz was a co-founder of Independence Bank and served as Chairman of the Independence Bank board. He was also a local pharmacist in Daviess County. The Maurice E. Reisz Memorial Scholarship was intended for a student pursuing a pharmacy degree.

The Guy Reisz Memorial \$10,000 Scholarship was awarded to Stephanie Williams of Apollo High School. Mr. Reisz served as an Independence Bank board of director. The Guy Reisz Memorial Scholarship was intended for a student attending Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro.

The Spirit of 76' scholarships were also awarded earlier this year at the Independence Bank 9th District Tournament to outstanding players. Eight \$500 scholarships were presented to the following: Tabor Shadowen and Jada Hall from Apollo High School (Kentucky), Hassan Green and Macey Higdon from Daviess County High School, Jacob Mulcahy and Katelin Maggard from Owensboro Catholic, and Jacoby Harris Brooklyn Hinton from Owensboro High School.

Congratulations to all finalists as you continue down your path of educational success! The Independence Bank Scholarship Program is designed to encourage high school seniors in the Bank's twelve county service areas of Calloway, Daviess, Franklin, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Jefferson, McLean, McCracken, Warren and Webster counties to continue their education. Applicants were judged based on high school grades, ACT/SAT scores, essays and personal interviews. Since 2001, Independence Bank has awarded \$814,700 in college scholarships to area high school seniors.





To learn more about the Independence Bank scholarship program and the scholarships awarded please visit www.1776bank.com

ABOUT INDEPENDENCE BANK:

Independence Bank is a locally owned and operated community bank with 24 locations in Calloway, Daviess, Franklin, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Jefferson, McCracken, McLean, Warren and Webster counties with assets over \$2.1 billion.