



## **Florida Credit Union League**

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### **FCUL AND FOUNDATION HAND OUT SCHOLARSHIPS TO FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Tallahassee—A college scholarship program begun this year by the Florida Credit Union League, through the Florida Credit Union Foundation, has awarded scholarships of \$1,500 each to eighteen Florida high school students. The scholarship program was developed to promote academic achievement, support community involvement, and enhance community awareness to students in Florida. The scholarship can be used to assist with tuition, room, board, or books at any Florida four year university or a Florida community college.

FCUL asked guidance counselors across the state to identify a student in their high school that would meet the qualifications to receive this scholarship as well as one that is in step with the credit union philosophy of “people helping people” and understands the importance of financial literacy.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, potential scholarship recipients were required to:

- Be a senior at a Florida high school
- Be a United States citizen or enjoy permanent residence status
- Demonstrate leadership, character, integrity, and community involvement
- Submit a written essay of 500 words or less on one of these credit union specific topics: “Why Financial Literacy is important to the State of Florida;” “Credit Unions vs. Banks;” “Money Management;” or “History of Credit Unions”
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Have three written reference letters (from a guidance counselor, teacher, etc.)
- Belong to a Florida credit union or have a parent or guardian who is the member of a Florida credit union.

FCUL President Guy Hood said the League’s goal is to continue this scholarship program every year.

“Credit unions are all about achieving dreams,” said Hood. “Attending and graduating from college is a dream that we’d like to help make possible.

Attached is a list of those students who were awarded the scholarships, their high school, their city and the chapter that sponsored them for the award

<p>Joe Brown Edgewater High School Orlando, FL Central Florida Chapter</p>	<p>Stephanie Osborne Santaluces High School Lantana, FL Palm Beach Chapter</p>
<p>Trey Settle Jay High School Jay, FL Escambia Chapter</p>	<p>Catherine E. Killalea Seminole High School Seminole, FL Pinellas Chapter</p>
<p>Tanya Gallagher Escambia High School Pensacola, FL Escambia Chapter</p>	<p>Gregory A. Hunt St. Petersburg High School St. Petersburg, FL 33713 Pinellas Chapter</p>
<p>Justin Bradley Kirkland Chipley High School Chipley, FL Gulf Coast Chapter</p>	<p>Jehanne D. Wyllie Miami Beach Senior High School Miami Beach, FL Southernmost Chapter</p>
<p>Kimberly D. Joyner Paxton High School Paxton, FL Gulf Coast Chapter</p>	<p>Princess Warren Lincoln High School Tallahassee, FL Tallahassee Chapter</p>
<p>Tiffany Adams Lake Gibson Senior High School Lakeland, FL Imperial Polk Chapter</p>	<p>Shaydrian R. Jackson Suncoast Community High School Riviera Beach, FL Palm Beach Chapter</p>
<p>Kristina E. Rodriguez Columbia High School Lake City, FL North Central Chapter</p>	<p>Kathleen Manning Bartram High School Jacksonville, FL Northeast Florida Chapter</p>
<p>Brittany Bryant Dillard High School Ft. Lauderdale, FL Broward Chapter</p>	<p>Terrance D. Phillips Leto High School Tampa, FL Tampa Chapter</p>
<p>Desire C. Vanterpool Gainesville High School Gainesville, FL North Central Chapter</p>	<p>Justin Travis Varn East Bay High School Gibson, FL Tampa Chapter</p>