



Southside Opportunity Fund gives scholarships to area students



This year's recipients are:

**Jazlynn Martell, William Campbell High School
Gunnor Place, Altavista High School
Brandi Mitchell, Jefferson Forest High School
Katia Taylor, Randolph-Henry High School
Taylor Mitchell, Jefferson Forest High School
Haley Smeltz, Rustburg High School
Sarah-Jane French, Fuqua School
Robert Burns, Fuqua School
Corey Jones, Nottoway High School
Julia Hill, Nottoway High School
Hannah Smith, Nottoway High School
Brittany Dolan, Central High School (Lunenburg)
Austin Yogi, Amelia High School
Kelly Hamilton, Dinwiddie High School
Liam Rupkey, Amelia High School
Amanda Berger, Amelia High School
Benjamin Rowland, Dinwiddie High School
Peter Rupkey, Amelia High School**

Eighteen high school seniors from across Southside Electric Cooperative's (SEC) service area have been selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships from the Southside Opportunity Fund. Scholarships are awarded each spring through a competitive process.

This year, the Southside Opportunity Fund Board of Directors received and reviewed 73 applications for scholarships.

To be eligible, students' parents or guardians must be members of SEC, and applicants must be planning to enter their first semester of college or trade/technical school this fall.

Scholarships are funded by proceeds from the annual Opportunity Fund Golf Classic, held at The Manor Golf Club in Farmville. This year's tournament, held May 12, raised more than \$15,000 for scholarships, which are also supported when groups rent Hooper Park and through other fundraisers.

SEC is starting a new event this fall that will benefit scholarships. The Opportunity Fund Skeet Classic will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center in Appomattox. Participants and sponsors are being sought for the skeet-shooting event.

Email mark.thomas@sec.coop or call 434-645-3276 for more information. Information about applying for scholarships next year will be available in the early part of 2018 at www.sec.coop/scholarships and from guidance counselors at high schools in SEC's 18-county service territory.

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