



SEC Launches New Scholarship, Awards 10 to Local Students

Last year, Southside Electric Cooperative (SEC) began raising money to launch a new scholarship available to students served by the Cooperative. This spring, 10 high school seniors in the Cooperative's 18-county service area were selected from over 60 applicants. The following students will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the newly formed Southside Opportunity Fund:

Ahmad Booker, Cumberland High School
Alexander Brugos, Dinwiddie High School
Benjamin Coleman, Dinwiddie High School
MeriAgnes Dalton, Central High School
Hannah Foster, Appomattox High School
Hunter Fowler, Park View High School
Susannah Gonia, Amelia High School
Lyndsey Hylton, Appomattox Regional Governor's School
Caitlyn Padgett, Liberty Christian Academy
Riley Poling, Randolph-Henry High School

Scholarships are awarded each spring based on a competitive-application process. To be eligible, students' parents or guardians must be members of Southside Electric Cooperative, and applicants must be planning to enter their first semester of college or a technical/trade school in the fall of that same year. SEC will award two additional \$1,000 scholarships later this year through a competitive-application process for students who have been accepted into Southside Virginia Community College's Power Line Worker Training School at Fort Pickett.



The scholarship is funded by proceeds from SEC's Scholarship Fund Golf Classic, held annually at The Manor Golf Club in Farmville, and other donations. This year's golf tournament raised over \$14,000 for the scholarships, which will be available to students applying in 2017.

Additionally, SEC is in the process of pursuing 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status for the Southside Opportunity Fund, which will make donations to the fund 100 percent tax deductible once approved.

Information about applying for scholarships will be available in the early part of 2017 at www.sec.coop/scholarships and from guidance counselors at high schools within SEC's 18-county footprint.

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