



## Local students earn electric cooperative scholarships



Five high school seniors whose parents are members of Southside Electric Cooperative (SEC) have each earned \$1,000 college scholarships awarded by the Education Scholarship Foundation of the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC).

This year, the VMDAEC Education Scholarship Foundation is awarding 50 \$1,000 Worth Hudson

scholarships to students who live in areas served by electric cooperatives in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. These grants can be used to pay for tuition, fees and books.

These five local students were eligible for consideration because their parents are consumer-members of SEC. Recipients are chosen based on financial need, academic achievement and community involvement. Applicants must also provide evidence of acceptance in a post-high-school educational institution or program.

The scholarships are named in honor of Worth Hudson, the first chairman of the VMDAEC Education Scholarship Foundation and former chairman of the Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative Board of Directors in Chase City. Since its inception in 2000, the foundation has awarded 627 scholarships totaling \$526,500.

The foundation is funded through tax-deductible donations and bequests from individuals, proceeds from fundraising events and CoBank's Sharing Success Program. It also participates in the Amazon Smile Program.

Founded in 1944, VMDAEC is the trade association for Southside Electric Cooperative and 14 other electric co-ops that serve Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. It is based in Glen Allen and provides safety and employee training, governmental relations, communications, including the publication of Cooperative Living magazine, and other services to its member cooperatives. For more information on VMDAEC and the scholarship program, visit [www.vmdaec.com](http://www.vmdaec.com) or [www.co-opliving.com](http://www.co-opliving.com).

### The 2017 recipients of electric cooperative scholarships are:



Matthew Culbreath, a senior at Dinwiddie High School and son of Joseph and Sheri Culbreath of Church Road. Matthew will attend Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg this fall.

Rebekah Jones, who will be graduating from Dinwiddie High School. She is the daughter of Leslie and Randy Jones of Dinwiddie. Rebekah will attend James Madison University in Harrisonburg this fall.



Melanie Leonard, a senior at Powhatan High School. She is the daughter of Katherine and Ronald Leonard of Powhatan. Melanie will attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, this fall.

Eli Marcellus, who is homeschooled and the son of Bob and Cindi Marcellus of Powhatan. Eli will attend Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York, this fall.



Lauren Moisa, the daughter of Kim and John Moisa of Goode. She will be graduating from Jefferson Forest High School. Lauren will attend Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg this fall.

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