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**51 students receive Central Kentucky Community Foundation Scholarships  
For Elizabethtown Community and Technical College**

**ELIZABETHTOWN, KY** (June 20, 2020) – Several area 2020 graduates from eight high schools and 26 Elizabethtown Community and Technical College students recently received a Central Kentucky Community Foundation Scholarship to attend the college.

CKCF began awarding this scholarship 56 years ago, when Elizabethtown Community College opened, to help students attend the new college. These scholarships represent \$35,000 in awards.

The recipients from Central Hardin High School are Ashton Geraldts, daughter of Jonathan and Alicia Geraldts, who plans to study nursing; Claire Thomas, daughter of Kevin and Dana Thomas; Jamie McMillen, daughter of Ronald and Leah McMillen, who plans to study pre-veterinary medicine; and Samuel Filyaw, son of Richard and Lee Filyaw, who plans to study diesel automotive.

The recipients from Grayson County High School are Addie Horn, daughter of Jeffrey Horn and Jennifer Whitsell, who plans to study nursing; Briley Napier, daughter of Jeremy Hardin and Natasha Nutt, who plans to study sports medicine; Holly Lykins, daughter of Anthony and Lisa Lykins, who plans to study sonography; Kenzie Willoughby, daughter of Garrett and Tiffany Willoughby, who plans to study elementary education; Mallory O'Neal, daughter of James O'Neal and Beth Childress, who plans to study pre-pharmaceutical medicine; and Matteson Milam, daughter of Matthew and Jennifer Milam, who plans to study nursing.

The recipients from John Hardin High School are Noah Gent, who plans to study information technology; and Samantha Sutton, daughter of Ernest Sutton and Lori Blan, who plans to study business administration.

The recipients from Meade County High School are Rylee Skeeters, daughter of Slade Skeeters and Regina Powers, who plans to study nursing; Emma Masterson, daughter of David and Susan Masterson, who plans to study business; Garren Waters, son of Steven and Sara Waters, who plans to study nursing; Hannah Benham, daughter of David and Susan Benham, who plans to study nursing; Lily Mattingly, daughter of Lora Mattingly, who plans to study nursing; Macey Biddle, daughter of Christopher Biddle and Emily Matthews, who plans to study elementary education; and Taylor Hughes, daughter of T.J. and Pam Hughes, who plans to study radiology.

The recipients from Thomas Nelson High School are Bina Patel, daughter of Rasikbhai and Kokilaben Patel, who plans to study allied health; Emilee Bryan, daughter of William and Melinda Bryan, who plans to study dental hygiene; Ross Cecil, son of Brian Cecil and Melissa Helton, who plans to study information technology.

Other high school recipients are Washington County High School graduate Gabrielle Thompson, daughter of Jeremy and Joy Thompson, who plans to study human health services; Nelson County High School graduate Sydney Reiter, daughter of Brian Hunt and Kara Snellen, who plans to study interdisciplinary early childhood education; and homeschool graduate Tayshawn Nickels, son of Timothy and Beth Nickels, who plans to study music and writing.



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Current ECTC students receiving scholarships are Lexie Goodin, of Brandenburg, who is studying nursing; Dawn Hatfield, of Elizabethtown, who is studying agriculture; Anna Hamilton, of Springfield, working towards an associate in art degree; Chris Willis, of Elizabethtown, who is studying bio-engineering; Corinna Kovac, of Rineyville, who is studying human services; Eddie Chappell, of Elizabethtown, who is studying applied science; Deborah Grindles, of Elizabethtown, who is studying culinary; Dillan Spaw, of Springfield, who is studying industrial maintenance and electrical technology; Emma Bell, of Hodgenville, who is studying nursing; Paige Bowman, of Bardstown, who is working towards an associate of the arts degree; Haley Evans, of Hodgenville, who is studying social work; Kara Cotton, of Bardstown, who is studying education; Jasmine Owens, of Radcliff, who is studying business; Jessica Roller, of Bardstown, who is studying biology; Laurell Sigler, of Elizabethtown, who is studying respiratory care; Lisa Deweese, of Elizabethtown, who is studying nursing; Maisie Taul, of Cecilia, who is studying business; Tina Rigdon, of Elizabethtown, who is studying nursing; Mei Whittaker, of Elizabethtown, who is studying public health; Parker Smith, of Hodgenville, who is working toward an associate of arts degree; Riley Filyaw, of Glendale, who is studying nursing; Rosalyn Gurney, of Vine Grove, who is studying business administration; Ruben Abelino, of Leitchfield, who is studying mechanical engineering; Samantha A. Martin, of Brandenburg, who is studying sonography; Sherry Polly, of Buffalo, who is studying nursing; and Tommy Goatley, of Vine Grove, who is studying culinary arts.

“Through the generosity of our donors, students across our region can continue their education,” said Davette B. Swiney, President and CEO of CKCF. “Our scholarship program, Scholarship Central, is a great way to empower local students and show them the impact of philanthropy. It’s an honor to connect people to the causes they care about while helping people pursue their educational goals.”

Central Kentucky Community Foundation Scholarship for ECTC is part of the 170 scholarships being awarded by CKCF this year through Scholarship Central. The scholarships total nearly \$322,000 and were awarded to 145 students from 17 high schools and four colleges in the region. All scholarship awards were announced during Celebrating Achievement, Central Kentucky Community Foundation’s scholarship awards program. You can watch it at [https://youtu.be/qglS2Y\\_XyKw](https://youtu.be/qglS2Y_XyKw).

To establish a scholarship fund or to find out more information on this scholarship and other scholarships available to students, go to <http://ckcf4people.org/scholarship-overview>.

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