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**College students receive scholarships
from Central Kentucky Community Foundation**

ELIZABETHTOWN, KY (June 20, 2020) – Several area college students recently were recognized by Central Kentucky Community Foundation for receiving scholarships.

Five Elizabethtown Community and Technical College students were awarded scholarships from the foundation.

Kris Mayberry of Vine Grove received the Dr. and Mrs. E.H. Durnil Scholarship. Mayberry is studying electrical construction at the college. He is the son of Robert and Amy Mayberry. The Dr. and Mrs. E.H. Durnil Scholarship was established to help support local students continue their education. It awards \$500 annually to a student attending or planning to attend Elizabethtown Community and Technical College.

Chelsea Hawkins of Brandenburg received the Dr. Larry and Mary Lou Hall Scholarship. Hawkins is studying classical studies at the college. She is the daughter of Jeffery Carey and Angela Sweitzer. The Dr. Larry and Mary Lou Hall Scholarship was established in 2017 and awards \$500 annually to a student attending or planning to attend Elizabethtown Community and Technical College.

Deborah Grindles of Elizabethtown received the Gourmands International Culinary Scholarship. Hawkins is studying culinary at the college. The Gourmands International Culinary Scholarship is \$1,000 one-time award and was established in 2017 by a local group to support students pursuing a culinary degree at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College.

Brandy Jarboe of Leitchfield and Jessica Roller of Bardstown received the Rae of Sunshine Kentucky Scholarship. Jarboe is studying social behavioral science and Roller is studying psychology.

The Rae of Sunshine Kentucky Scholarship was established in memory of Taylor Rae Nolan. Taylor was a sophomore at the University of Kentucky. Everything appeared perfect for the vivacious, caring young adult. Despite years of therapy and support for mental health issues, Taylor took her own life on Jan. 8, 2019. Taylor's family is committed to using her story to help others who are struggling with mental health issues. The Rae of Sunshine Foundation, Inc. works to bring awareness, give back, and partner with schools, churches, institutions and any other groups wanting to provide support and training that stresses the importance of mental health issues. Part of this work comes in through awarding \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing careers in the field that will help people who struggle as Taylor did.

Central Kentucky Community Foundation also awarded scholarships to students attending other Kentucky colleges.

Oriana Salazar of Radcliff received the Col. Larry and Betty Sue French Scholarship. Hawkins is a student at Western Kentucky University's ECTC campus studying elementary education. She is the daughter of Jesus and Merlys Salazar. The Col. Larry and Betty Sue French Scholarship for \$1,000 was established to help support local students continue their education at the Elizabethtown campus of Western Kentucky University.



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Katie Chheang of Elizabethtown received the Dennis and Lisa Parrett Family Scholarship. Hawkins is a student at the University of Kentucky studying agriculture and medical biotechnology. She is the daughter of Sythourn Leang and Selina Khorn. The Dennis and Lisa Parrett Family Scholarship was established in 2016 to support a current college student from Hardin County. It is open to a student attending the University of Kentucky pursuing a degree within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Katie French of Elizabethtown received the Hardin County Cattlemen's Association – Hansell G. Pile, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Hawkins is a student at Western Kentucky University studying agriculture. She is the daughter of Charles and Rebecca French. The Hardin County Cattlemen's Association – Hansell G. Pile, Sr. Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,000 each year to a member of the association in the memory of Cattlemen member Pile, Sr., who left a legacy within the organization.

"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."

The scholarships are some 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/qqlS2Y_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/scholarships/>.

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