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**Katie Collins receives the Owen J. Estes, Sr. Memorial Scholarship  
from Central Kentucky Community Foundation**

**ELIZABETHTOWN, KY** (May 29, 2020) – Hart County High School graduate Katie Collins is one of 145 students earning scholarships from Central Kentucky Community Foundation. She was awarded the Owen J. Estes, Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

Collins is a 2020 graduate of Hart County High School and plans to attend Northern Kentucky University to study finance with a focus in law. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Jennifer Collins.

The Owen J. Estes, Sr. Memorial Scholarship was established by Paul Estes to honor his father's work in education. Owen J. Estes spent his life teaching students in Hart County. He began his career in 1949, teaching agriculture at Cub Run High School. He went on to teach math and science at Munfordville High School, later moving to the new Hart County High School, where he taught until his retirement in 1982. The scholarship is offered each year to a student graduating from Hart County High School and pays up \$5,000.

"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 Owen J. Estes, Sr. Memorial Scholarship is one of 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](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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