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**DCU Announces 2021 Scholarship Recipients
DCU for Kids Distributes \$190,000 in Scholarships**

MARLBOROUGH, MA (July 12, 2021) – As educators and students adapted to new methods of learning over the last year, Digital Federal Credit Union, better known as DCU, remains committed to supporting students in their pursuit of a higher education.

For over 20 years, DCU, through DCU for Kids, has provided a scholarship program designed to assist students in the pursuit of a higher education with over \$1.3 million in scholarships being awarded.

This year, DCU for Kids, the credit union's charitable foundation distributed 120 scholarships totaling \$190,000 to graduating high school seniors judged most likely to excel at a college or university.

Recipients were chosen by an impartial panel of college educators who based their decisions on the grounds of scholastic achievement, community involvement, leadership skills, character and integrity, recommendation letters, as well as an essay submitted by the student.

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The following students received scholarships:

2021 \$2,500 Scholarship Winners:

Alexis Jean Sye – Onalaska, WI
Angelin Mathew – Davie, FL
Atharva Vispute – Colorado Springs, CO
Austin Christopher Pierce – Howell, NJ
Ayushman Choudhury – Ellington, CT
Brock Tweedy – Huntertown, IN
Dana Zhang – Furlong, PA
Gracie Sunde – Papillion, NE
Jessalin Nguyen – Houston, TX
Macey Leonard – Ladera Ranch, CA
Mikella Nguyen – Fort Worth, TX
Natalie Villacres – South Richmond Hill, NY
Reagan Faith WagnerLaguna – Niguel, CA
Riley Ballard – Highlands Ranch, CO
Saketh Mynampati – Billerica, MA
Samantha Green – North Bellmore, NY
Sofia Gaxiola – San Diego, CA
Steve Rosario – Andover, MA
Teryn Mitchell – Damascus, MD
Zachary Hines Miller – Ashburn, VA

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2021 \$2,000 Scholarship Winners:

Addison Rene McDonald – Lampasas, TX
Aditya Senthil – Concord, NC
Allyson Wang – Glen Allen, VA
Ankit Boruah – Franklin, MA
Anna Puster – Lakeville, OH
Anthony John DeMarco – Kirtland, OH
Carson Goh – Nashua, NH
Cecilia Knowles – Boylston, MA
EricaRae Nicole Herrick – Swanton, OH
Grace Weaver – Palm Harbor, FL
Jordan Allen – Cedar Park, TX
Madison Spanodemos – Malverne, NY
Meredith Anne McGee – Burleson, TX
Nailah Remy DuBose – Elk Grove CA
Olivia Kline – Johnston, RI
Samantha Kopec – Clearwater, FL
Shrivatsa Ravindra Kulkarni – Round Rock, TX
Shriya Bagdi – Middletown, DE
Suhani Patel – Peoria, AZ
Timothy Dorney – Norton, MA

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2021 \$1,500 Scholarship Winners:

Aaminah Syed – Pine Plains, NY
Abigail Nicole Fulton – Hanover, IN
Adhishri Hande – Lowell, MA
Afia Boakye-Yiadom – Aurora, CO
Aisha Samone Carothers – Glenwood, IL
Akash Mahajan – San Marcos, CA
Amrita Thirumalai – Westborough, MA
Anshul P Shirude – Burlington, MA
Ashley Brown – Cheltenham, MD
Benjamin Kelley – Troy, IL
Blake Edward Brunmeier – Boyne Falls, MI
Colin Michael Roberts – Eagan, MN
David Lee – Northborough, MA
Dhvani P Soni – Hanover Park, IL
Elena Garza – San Antonio, TX
Elizabeth Kathleen Horwitz – Chagrin Falls, OH
Ella Grace Lockamy – Martinez, GA
Ethan James Schellhorn – Sumner, IA
Eugene Min – Belmont, CA
Faith Michelle Nguyen – Purcellville, VA
Grace Nwankwo – Chicago, IL
Haotian Yang – Dublin, CA
Huda Siddiqui – Addison, IL
Hudson Boyd – Montgomery, TX

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2021 \$1,500 Scholarship Winners (continued):

Jabez Abayneh – Aurora, CO
Keegan Gleason – Millbury, MA
Kirby Payton – Anniston, AL
Leah Elizabeth LaVerde – Kirtland, OH
Madilyn Grace Riley – Richards, TX
Nathan Ware – Mashpee, MA
Nolan Tiani – Hull, MA
Pape Nourou Diop – Suwanee, GA
Rayna Nemcek – Mount Dora, FL
Roaa Marei – River Grove, IL
Sarah Elizabeth Gatti – Bossier City, LA
Sean McAleer – East Windsor, NJ
Sheena Lai – Marietta, GA
Stephanie Njeri – Florissant, MO
Stokes Lanier Cromer – Greenwood, SC
Ulysses Brenzel – Boston, MA

2021 \$1,000 Scholarship Winners:

Aditya Jambhale – Dublin, OH
Blade Thomas Cintron – Terre Haute, IN
Calyce Emil Jones – Carson, CA
Catherine Hunt – Monroe, LA
Dev Chheda – Charlotte, NC

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Elizabeth Lancaster – Oak Ridge, TN
Emily Grace Proffitt – Little Rock, AR
Ethan Thomas Harned – Louisville, KY
Fariha Shoily – Hollis, NY
Hadley Teut – Lincoln, NE
Henry Trinh – East Elmhurst, NY
Isabella Pawloski – Holiday, FL
Jacob Blizzard – Mooresville, NC
Jacqueline Kiszka – York, PA
Jared Kendall Pugh Jr. – Bessemer, AL
Jarrett Mack Pfister – Utica, OH
Jaylen Sydney Lockhart – Chicago, IL
John Edward Meehan – Northborough, MA
Julianne Sunah Oh – League City, TX
Karolina Helena Bodzianowski – Highlands Ranch, CO
Kevin Carpenter – Tyngsboro, MA
Khushi T Patel – Wayne, MI
Madison Loza – Brick, NJ
Mahima Das – Lexington, MA
MaKenzie Jashay Brown – Fayetteville, GA
Margaret Cieslesz – Rockford, IL
Mark Patrick Hurst – De Pere, WI
Meghana Karumuri – Farmington Hills, MI
Mia Seergae – Fallston, MD

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Miguel Mascarenhas – Mechanicsburg, PA
Mori Ono – Ann Arbor, MI
Nicholas Jon Towle – Dunstable, MA
Olivia C Morrell – Norfolk, NY
Paula Toritsesan Gbenebitse – Roslyn Heights, NY
Praneet Nadella – Nashua, NH
Sisy Chen – Chicago, IL
Steven Budnick – East Setauket, NY
Tyler Crowell – La Verne, CA
Vachaspathy Sreedhar – Bolingbrook, IL
Vasundhara Gatne – Woodbridge, VA

The Annual Scholarship Program will accept applications starting in December of 2021 for the 2021 application process. Please visit DCU’s website and the DCU for Kids website in mid-November of 2021 for information.

About DCU:

DCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative serving over 900,000 members across all 50 states by offering a full range of financial services to consumers and businesses.

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About DCU for Kids:

In 2005, recognizing the importance of supporting organizations that make a difference in the communities they are a part of, DCU incorporated DCU for Kids, a non-profit 501(c) 3 charitable foundation that strives to improve the quality of life for children in need. To date, DCU for Kids has made charitable donations that total over \$14,000,000.

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