



Investing in Local Students, Education First FCU Awards Ten Scholarships

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Beaumont, TX - For over two decades, Education First FCU has committed to supporting higher education by awarding \$725,000 in college scholarships to local high school seniors. Education First is proud to announce the scholarship recipients for the Class of 2026 by awarding (10) scholarships of \$2,500 to the following students.

Beaumont United High School
Aldo D. Rodriguez

Lumberton High School
Evinley R. VanDorn

Beaumont United High School
Nicholas A. Wilridge

Silsbee High School
Ella B. Dunn

Hamshire-Fannett High School
Madison E. Prejean

Texas Academy at Lamar
Carmen Smylie

Jasper High School
Adalynn Martinez

Veritas Classical Academy
Jonathan E. Edgerly

Little Cypress Mauriceville
Annabelle I. Claybar

Vidor High School
Abigail R. Katseres

As part of the qualification process, financial literacy courses are required. In order to help students they must complete a series of online courses that prepare recipients for life as independent young adults by covering essential topics such as budgeting, college readiness, and saving strategies

“Supporting high school seniors through scholarships is one way our credit union helps build brighter futures and stronger communities” says our President and CEO Urjit Patel “Education First is proud to help seniors take the next steps toward their dreams.”

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