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BayPort Foundation Celebrates Awarding \$100,000 in Tuition Assistance to 2022 Scholarship Recipients

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 28, 2022 – Since 1961, BayPort Credit Union has supported members by funding their educational pursuits. Over that time, BayPort has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships and grants. Today, the credit union’s philanthropic arm, the BayPort Foundation, continues the focus of educational scholarships by providing \$100,000 in scholarships annually to member students in surrounding local communities.

BayPort’s scholarship program is open to students of all ages including credit union employee dependents, high school seniors, college students, and working adults attending a college, university, trade, or vocational school. This year, the Foundation awarded scholarships to a total of 36 students attending 23 schools.

The Foundation has partnered with WAVY TV-10 and FOX 43 TV to honor its 2022 scholarship recipients as part of the BayPort Foundation Scholarship Salute recognition program. The Scholarship Salute will air daily between June 27 and July 24. For more information and to view the entire voluntary Scholarship Salute series, please visit BayPort’s [YouTube channel](#).

The BayPort Foundation 2022 scholarship recipients are as follows:

Beard-Bennett Memorial Scholarship

Amanda Grimsley, *First Colonial High School*
Ellie Ross, *New Kent High School*
Hannah Smith, *Smithfield High School*
Kyle Crosby, *Warwick High School*
Maya Joyner, *Woodside High School*
Rebecca Miller, *Christopher Newport University*

Burton P. Hill Scholarship

Brian Tafazoli, *University of Virginia*

Directors Scholarship

Anthony Nelson Jr., *Louisiana State University*
Colten Reece, *James Madison University*
Keymari Reese, *Old Dominion University*
Krystal McRae, *ECPI University*
Mason Ponton, *Thomas Nelson Community College*
Nichole Gilliam, *ECPI University*
Quinton McWilliams, *Old Dominion University*

Donald I. Steppe Memorial Scholarship

Maggie Smith, *James Madison University*



George R. Dudley, Jr. Scholarship

Allison Fales, *Smithfield High School*

McGee Family Scholarship

Cherami Earls, *Thomas Nelson Community College*

Student-Run Credit Union Member Scholarship

Amanda Ambuter, *Denbigh High School*

Dakota Brown, *Woodside High School*

Ellen Jones, *York High School*

Sarai Brown, *Heritage High School*

Trenton Conklin, *Kecoughtan High School*

Xavier Gardner, *King's Fork High School*

Student-Run Credit Union Teller Scholarship

Ariyahna Cheeks, *King's Fork High School*

Diego Vega-Nazario, *Peninsula Catholic High School*

Mary Ann Harris, *Summit Christian Academy*

Skylar Cowling, *Heritage High School*

Sydney Harris, *Kecoughtan High School*

Tuition Booster Scholarship

Ekaterina Shelton, *Regent University*

Frances Tillman, *Saint Leo University*

Miriam Gourdine, *Old Dominion University*

Rusbel Garcia, *Tidewater Community College*

Shaunte Lafferty, *Tidewater Community College*

Sherrell Porter, *Strayer University*

Wiatt Memorial Apprentice School Scholarship

John Vasquez, *Old Dominion University*

Tyler Sutton, *Old Dominion University*

About BayPort Foundation

BayPort Foundation is the charitable arm of BayPort Credit Union and was established to extend the credit union's philosophy of "people helping people." The BayPort Foundation's mission focuses on four philanthropic efforts: educational scholarships, financial literacy education, promoting family health and wellness, and hardship and emergency assistance in communities where BayPort members live and work. For more information, visit bayportfoundation.org.

About BayPort Credit Union

In 1928, nine shipyard workers from Newport News Shipbuilding formed an organization with a specific purpose as a low-interest source of loans and a trusted place to deposit money. Today, BayPort Credit Union is rated a Superior 5-Star credit union by Bauer Financial, managing \$2.2 billion in assets and servicing nearly 148,000 individuals and businesses with 27 branch locations across the Virginia Peninsula and Southside communities. Visit us at www.bayportcu.org.

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