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BayPort Foundation Awards \$100,000 in Scholarships to 8 Working Adults, 11 College Students and 19 High School Seniors

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., May 23, 2023 – The BayPort Foundation today announced it has awarded \$100,000 in 11 different scholarship types to a total of 38 member students in the surrounding local communities attending a college, university, trade, or vocational school.

Since 1961, BayPort Credit Union has supported member students in funding their educational pursuits. And over that time, it has awarded over \$1 million in scholarships. Today, the credit union's philanthropic arm, the BayPort Foundation, continues its mission to enrich members' lives by providing financial support to promote education. Application evaluation criteria are comprised of GPA, academic achievements, financial need, school and community involvement, and a written essay. In addition, students must be pursuing a degree or certification at an accredited college, university, or technical school.

Earlier this year, BayPort introduced the Rowe Family Scholarship—the newest donation to the BayPort Foundation Legacy Giving Program. It is in addition to the Donald I. Steppe Memorial and the McGee Family Scholarship. All three scholarships are family gifts to honor those who share BayPort's commitment and philanthropic efforts.

BayPort has partnered with WAVY-TV NBC and WVBT-FOX43 to honor its 2023 scholarship recipients as part of the BayPort Foundation Scholarship Salute recognition program. The Scholarship Salute will air daily between June 26 and July 23. For more information and to view the entire voluntary series, please visit BayPort's [YouTube channel](#).

The BayPort Foundation 2023 scholarship recipients are as follows:

Beard-Bennett Memorial Scholarship

Katie Ross, *New Kent High School*
Adia Menna, *Smithfield High School*
Kaitlyn Worrell, *Smithfield High School*
Taylor Holland, *Windsor High School*
Ilyas Choukri, *Kecoughtan High School*
Lily Backus, *Nansemond River High School*

George R. Dudley, Jr. Scholarship

Breea Dresler, *Tabb High School*

Student-Run Credit Union Member Scholarship

Taj Adkins, *Heritage High School*
Kanye Hayer, *Kings Fork High School*
Aidan Thompson, *Hampton Roads Academy*
Celeste Kelly, *Heritage High School*
Miles Thomas, *Heritage High School*
Epiphany Smith, *Heritage High School*



Student-Run Credit Union Teller Scholarship

Noah Harris, *Smithfield High School*
Elijah Kennedy, *Kecoughtan High School*
Benjamin Ray, *Smithfield High School*
Saiveon Frazier, *Heritage High School*
Johnathan Mummert, *Peninsula Catholic High School*
Emily Ruck, *Kecoughtan High School*

Directors Scholarship

Sarai Brown, *Alfred State College*
Wendy Bright, *Old Dominion University*
Daphne Franklin, *University of South Carolina*
Jonathan He, *Johns Hopkins University*
Raheem Strong, *Virginia Commonwealth University*
Amy Watson, *Riverside College of Health Careers*
Nile Phillips, *Harvey Mudd College*

Burton P. Hill Scholarship

Allison Fales, *Virginia Tech*

Donald I. Steppe Memorial Scholarship

Abrielle Tutone, *Longwood University*

McGee Family Scholarship

Tia Semple, *Virginia Peninsula Community College*

Rowe Family Scholarship

Luke Cargill, *Dartmouth College*

Tuition Booster Scholarship

Angela Claud, *Functional Medicine University*
Tiffanie Smith, *Old Dominion University*
Monica Anderson, *Old Dominion University*
Jenae Tynes, *Liberty University*
Quinon McWilliams, *Old Dominion University*
Jeremy Condron, *Virginia Peninsula Community College*

Wiatt Memorial Apprentice School Scholarship

Dalton Durant, *Old Dominion University*
Rosa Rainey, *Norfolk State University*

About BayPort Foundation

BayPort Foundation is the charitable arm of BayPort Credit Union, headquartered in Newport News, Virginia, and was established to extend the credit union's philosophy of "people helping people." The Foundation is an extension of the credit union's charitable giving. BayPort Credit Union commits more than half a million dollars in annual corporate donations and pays all the Foundation's overhead to ensure that 100% of the Foundation donations support its mission. For more information, visit bayportfoundation.org.

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