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Arbor Financial Credit Union Announces Winners of 2018 Community Scholarship

KALAMAZOO, MI (June 8, 2018) – Arbor Financial Credit Union is thrilled to announce the winners of the 2018 Arbor Financial Community Scholarship.

The Arbor Financial Community Scholarship awards \$24,000 to twelve high school seniors in any of 21 southwest Michigan counties serviced by Arbor Financial Credit Union. Since the creation of the scholarship in 1999, Arbor Financial has awarded more than \$400,000 to area students through the program. The 2018 iteration of the scholarship was awarded on the strength of an essay answering the question, “If you could change your community in a positive way, what specific changes would you make and why?”

Nearly 200 students submitted entries, which were presented anonymously to a team of Arbor Financial volunteers for evaluation. Finalists were then presented to Arbor Financial’s Board of Directors where the following twelve winners were selected:

- Allison Wolf, Hackett Catholic Prep, Aquinas College, Data Analytics & History
- Allyssa Boes, Kalamazoo Christian High School, University of Michigan, Sociology (law), Justice and Social Change
- Brenna Larkey, Otsego High School, University of Michigan, Nursing
- Claire Drette, Portage Northern High School, Michigan State University, Biology
- Colin Assenmacher, Mattawan High School, Grand Valley State University, Biology
- Dakota Garman, Mattawan High School, Grand Valley State University, Computer Engineering/Business
- Emily Rehr, Plainwell High School, Iowa State University, Biosystems Engineering
- Hannah Miller, Constantine High School, Highlands College, Worship and Pastoral Ministry
- Morgan Hartline, Marcellus High School, Grand Valley State University, Secondary Education
- Riley Piper, Schoolcraft High School, Western Michigan University, Civil Engineering

- Sarah Grover, Home School, Cedarville University, Visual Communication Design/Graphic Design
- Sarah Wheaton, Paw Paw High School, Western Michigan University, Pre-Optometry

In addition to the scholarship program, Arbor Financial offers the Volt Account, a unique bundled account designed especially for young adults, to help them take charge of their money as they transition to independence. What's more, as a gift to the high school graduating Class of 2018, Arbor Financial is offering a gift of \$25 after members complete three debit card transactions. Details can be found at arborfcu.org/grads.

Founded in 1935, Arbor Financial Credit Union provides a full range of financial products and services to people and businesses in Southwest Michigan. The credit union exceeds \$465 million in assets and serves more than 37,000 members. Visit arborfcu.org to learn more.

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