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#### **Members First Credit Union Awards \$24,500 in Scholarships to 23 Students**

*Scholarship contributions total over \$100,000 for the credit union to date*

**MANCHESTER, NH (July 14, 2020)** – [Members First Credit Union](http://membersfirstnh.org) recently awarded \$24,500 in scholarships to 23 deserving students, bringing the total scholarship contribution since the program's inception to over \$100,000. The Members First Credit Union Memorial Scholarships are awarded each year in honor of those who have served the credit union and the community in exceptional ways.

Recipients of the 2020 Members First scholarships are:

- \$2,500 Michael L. Briggs Scholarship: Katelyn Brennan of Henniker
- \$1,000 Wilbur L. Jenkins Scholarship: Madeleine Girard of Manchester
- \$1,000 John S. Walsh Scholarship: Lela Connors of Manchester
- \$1,000 Members First Memorial Scholarship (20 awards given):
  - Traci Belanger of Manchester
  - Dana Benner of Manchester
  - Kaitlyn Boles of Bedford
  - Morgan Burke of Bedford
  - Gabriel Demanche of Candia
  - Emma Dudley of Manchester
  - Jordan Durand of Meredith
  - Mollie Durand of Meredith
  - Zachery Elliot of Manchester
  - Sydney Gagne of Goffstown
  - Emma Gehris of Hooksett
  - Sarah Glennon of Manchester
  - Lauren Goyette of Hooksett
  - Benjamin Harris of Dunbarton
  - Katelyn Howe of Hooksett
  - Lauren Lepage of Bedford
  - Kayla Midolo of Derry
  - Wesley Newsam of Raymond
  - Elizabeth Rolfe of Auburn
  - Sydney Sullivan of Port Chester

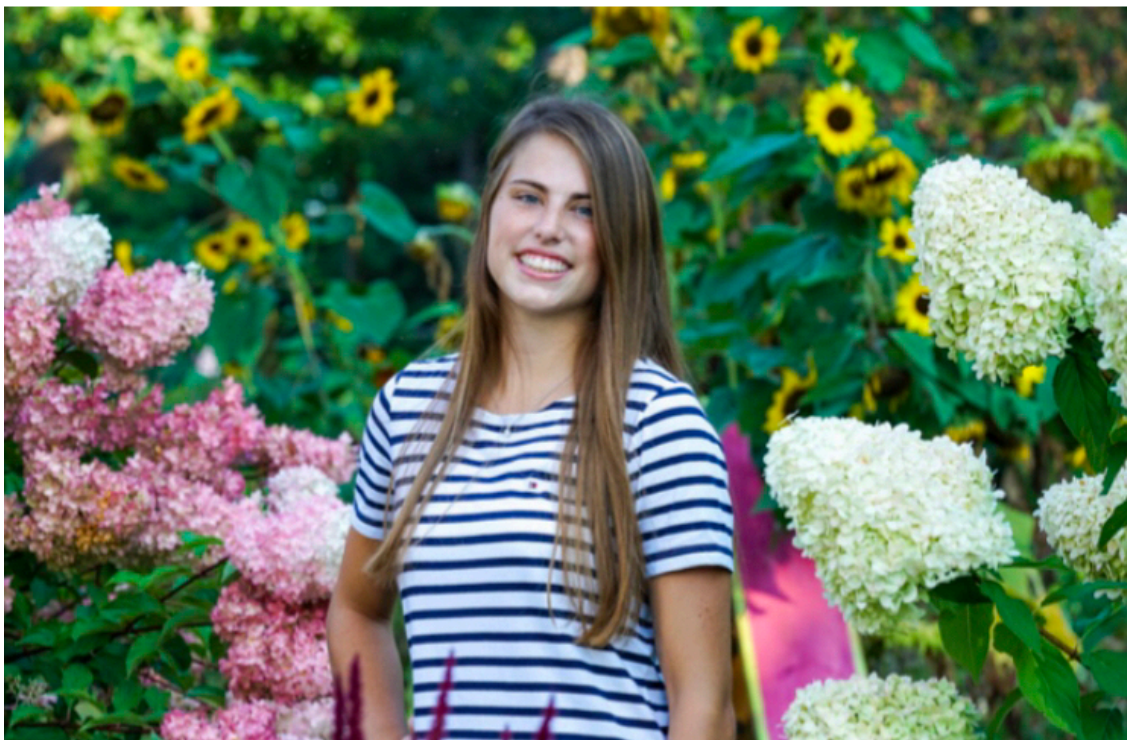
“This year, we’re particularly humbled to award a record number of scholarships at a time when social distancing has put get-togethers and celebrations for graduates on hold,” said Bruce Leighton, president and CEO, Members First Credit Union. “We hope our contribution can help bring some sense of

normalcy to these students who have persevered through unprecedented times. We congratulate this year's recipients and wish them – and all students who applied – much success in the years ahead.”

“This Scholarship means so much to my family and me,” said Zachery Elliot of Manchester. “It is no secret that college is expensive today, so anything that assists us with this financial burden is something I do not take for granted. I would like to express my gratitude to Members First for this scholarship and I promise to put my best effort forth regarding my education, which I can fortunately do thanks to awards like this!”

“I feel very grateful to have been awarded the 2020 Members First Credit Union scholarship because it gets me that much closer to my ultimate goals,” said Lauren Goyette of Hooksett. “I still have a ways to go at Dartmouth College, and certainly a lot of hard work ahead of me, but the support of organizations like Members First is making it possible for me to work towards my degree in Biomedical Engineering Sciences. Thank you for your generous support of my education and aspirations, it certainly won't be forgotten.”

Scholarship applications are available on the credit union's website in January each year. To learn more about the Members First Credit Union Scholarship Program, visit [www.membersfirstnh.org](http://www.membersfirstnh.org).



**PHOTO CAPTION:** Katelyn Brennan recipient of the \$2,500 Michael L. Briggs Scholarship.

“I want to first start off by saying I am completely honored to receive this scholarship,” said Brennan. “Officer Michael L. Briggs is a hero and is someone that will always be remembered. This scholarship will help me continue to pursue my dream of working in law enforcement. I am proud to honor his name and receive this scholarship.”

**About Members First Credit Union**

Since 1949, Members First Credit Union has been a trusted financial resource in Manchester, Bedford and surrounding communities. We get to know our members so we can recommend the right solutions to help them reach their goals. In other words: we're small enough to make a big difference.

As a full-service financial institution, we offer the products and services our members need, whether for themselves, their family or business. And because we're not for profit, earnings go back to our members, so they can save and borrow at reasonable rates. Membership is open to anyone living, working, or attending school in New Hampshire.

For more information, call 603-622-8781 or visit [www.membersfirstnh.org](http://www.membersfirstnh.org).

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