



## NEWS RELEASE

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**MANCHESTER, NH (June 26, 2018)** – [Members First Credit Union](#) recently awarded \$7,500 in scholarships to six (6) local students. The Members First Credit Union Memorial Scholarship Program was created to aid students in their quest for further education. Six scholarships totaling \$7,500 are awarded each year in honor of people who have served the credit union and the community in exceptional ways.

Recipients of the 2018 Members First Credit Union scholarships are:

- \$2,500 Michael L. Briggs Scholarship: Nicole Robitaille of Strafford
- \$1,000 Wilbur L. Jenkins Scholarship: Emily O’Keefe of Bedford
- \$1,000 John S. Walsh Scholarship: Katherine Dubois of Manchester
- \$1,000 Members First Memorial Scholarship (three awards given):
  - Jacqueline Cardin of Manchester
  - Jordan Durand of Meredith
  - Olivia Renee Gagne of Goffstown

“Year after year, we are impressed by the students who apply for our scholarships, which makes selecting only six quite challenging,” said Bruce Leighton, president and CEO, Members First Credit Union. “We congratulate this year’s recipients, and wish them – and all students who applied – much success as they pursue their education.”

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“I am so thankful to be awarded this year’s Michael L. Briggs Memorial Scholarship,” said Robitaille. “As for where the scholarship will be going use, I will continue towards a career in law enforcement at Unity College in Maine for Conservation Law Enforcement and Parks and Forest Resources. I look to begin as a Town or City Law Enforcement Officer, and continue towards becoming a Conservation Officer in New England giving me a chance to work with both the community and the environment as a whole.” Robitaille is entering her sophomore year at Unity College.

To learn more about the Members First Credit Union Scholarship Program, visit [www.membersfirstnh.org](http://www.membersfirstnh.org).

#### **About Members First Credit Union:**

Members First Credit Union has been a trusted financial resource since 1949. Our mission is to build valued relationships by delivering financial solutions that simplify the lives of residents and businesses in Manchester and Bedford as well as surrounding communities. A full service financial institution, Members First offers a range of services including investment real estate lending, mortgages, auto loans, checking accounts, electronic services and much more. Membership is open to anyone living or working within 25 miles of one of our branches in Manchester and Bedford. For more information, call 603-622-8781 or visit [www.membersfirstnh.org](http://www.membersfirstnh.org).