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## **Central Texas High School and College Students Awarded \$100,000 in Scholarships from A+FCU**

Austin, TX – The A+ Federal Credit Union (A+FCU) Board of Directors awarded 50 Central Texas high school and college students with \$100,000 in scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year.

The scholarships have been an A+FCU tradition since 1984, and this is the second consecutive year \$100,000 has been awarded. Each student receives \$2,000 to help with educational expenses.

“We’re very proud of these students and everything they’ve accomplished,” said Terry Lord, A+FCU Board Member and Chair of Scholarship Committee. “They’ve faced so many challenges and a lot of adversity in 2020. While we can’t celebrate them in person, we’re excited to see what their future holds and wish them the best.”

The 50 recipients were selected for their academic achievements and community involvement and represent five colleges and 27 high schools.

“When I found out I won the scholarship, I was surprised and honored,” said scholarship recipient Mark Lopez. “I didn’t think I stood a chance against many other applicants, but I’m proud to have earned some money for school.”

In previous years, A+FCU hosted receptions where students were awarded their scholarships with A+FCU employees, board members, and family present. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this year’s event has been canceled. Instead, the winners will be recognized virtually via a social media video and have a certificate mailed to them.



**2020 Collegiate Students – Education Majors**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Major</b>
Jessica Enyioha	Texas State University	Education
Mistie Goains	Lamar University	Education
Patrick Pollard	Austin Community College	Education
Claire Schmidt	The University of Texas at Austin	Education
Constanza Serna	The University of Texas at Austin	Education
Craig Sowell	Northcentral University	Education

**2020 High School Students – Education Majors**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Major</b>
Emma Daughtrey	Round Rock High School	Education
Abbi Gordon	Leander High School	Education
Kaitlyn Harber	Lockhart High School	Education
Sarah Kalina	Lake Travis High School	Education
Kaitlin Mackey	Hendrickson High School	Education
Emma Morelli	Lake Travis High School	Education
Landry Rogers	Salado High School	Education
Quinn Summers	The Kiski School	Education
Kara Travers	Ridge Point High School	Education
James Williams	Brownwood High School	Education



**2020 High School Students – Non-Education Majors**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Major</b>
Cody Bagwell	Tom Glenn High School	Bioenvironmental Science
Fatima Barati	McNeil High School	Merchandising/Digital Retail
Amber Billingsley	Georgetown High School	Nursing
Rawan Channaa	Hutto High School	Psychology
Jared Cook	Weiss High School	Nursing
Rhea Dharwadker	Bowie High School	Biomedical Engineering
Katie Eiben	San Marcos High School	Nursing
Bryce Favor	Three Rivers High School	Business Administration
Kevin Fernandez	Hutto High School	Electrical Engineering
Haley Frazer	Round Rock High School	Political Science
Gunnar Gentry	Crockett High School	Economics
Joshua Gonzalez	Hutto High School	Computer Science
Talia Hanley	Bowie High School	Business/Accounting
Maxton Huff	Westlake High School	Computer Science
Peter Ikonomopoulos	Lake Travis High School	Mechanical Engineering
Victoria Lamas	Idea Montopolis	Nursing
Mark Lopez	McCallum High School	Architecture
John Mejia	Hutto High School	Electrical and Computer Engineering
David Mojica	Pflugerville High School	Computer Science
Kamryn Owens	Round Rock High School	Marketing
Melina Padron	Connally High School	Neuroscience
Emoni Patino	San Marcos High School	Pre-Pharmacy
Javier Pena	Tom Glenn High School	Automotive Technology
Melanie Pina	Akins High School	Forensics Science Counseling



Corbin Preusse	Thorndale High School	Ag Business
Gabriel Sanchez	San Marcos High School	Mechanical Engineering
Mia Sanchez	Round Rock High School	Biology Pre-Med
Elvia Saucedo-Davis	Northeast Early College High School	Wildlife Biology
Unique Shanklin	Akins High School	Criminology
Collette Sprague	McNeil High School	Veterinary and Biomedical Science
Jeremy Tietz	Round Rock High School	Mechanical Engineering
Heidi Tonche Torres	Akins High School	Pre-Law
Giselle Vences Barrueta	Del Valle High School	Criminology
Jayson Vogelwohl	Hutto High School	Business

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A+ Federal Credit Union was founded in 1949 by 50 Austin, Texas teachers. Over seventy years later, A+FCU has over 165,000 members throughout the community, over \$1.7 billion in assets, and 22 branches. A+FCU continues to have close relationships with local schools and provides free financial education curricula for educators, engaging financial education presentations for students, real-life money management simulations for youth, high school branch locations, and unique financial products designed for teachers. Learn more at [aplusfcu.org](http://aplusfcu.org).