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Community Choice Announces 25 Scholarship Recipients

Farmington Hills, Mich., May 27, 2020 -- Community Choice Credit Union recently announced the winners of its 2020 scholarships. In total, \$100,000 was awarded this year – fifteen \$5,000 scholarships were presented to high school seniors, while six others earned \$2,500 scholarships for continuing education, and four earned \$2,500 to pursue training for a skilled trade.

More than 1,400 students filled out applications, the highest number of applications the state-wide program has received. Now in its 12th year of offering scholarships totaling \$1.2 million, the Community Choice Foundation made some changes to its popular program, adding continuing education and skilled trade scholarships this year.

“The workforce in Michigan is evolving, especially the demand for skilled trade workers,” said Jeremy Cybulski, Community Engagement Manager at Community Choice. “We continued our support of graduating high school seniors, but we saw a need to grow our options. The 10 new scholarships earmarked for continued and non-traditional education allowed us to help a variety of students.

“We’re very happy at the level of interest from the community for these new scholarships, and the numbers will likely go up next year as more people realize that we have scholarships for more non-traditional students.”

The winners were chosen after careful evaluation of their academic success, community/volunteer involvement, and a personal interview.

The Community Choice Foundation found creative ways to honor the students while adhering to social distancing. Scholarship winners were surprised with signs on their front lawns offering congratulations and were encouraged to share photos on their social media pages with the hashtag #CommunityChoiceScholars. Additionally, a video of the winners was posted on the Credit Union’s social media pages and is available at MichiganScholarship.com.

“We tried our hardest to congratulate the winners and honor their achievements,” said Cybulski. “We couldn’t have our usual May celebration, but we’re still planning a get-together this summer, as soon as we’re able.”

The Community Choice Foundation congratulates all the winners and hopes this award alleviates some of the financial burden of higher education so that they are able to focus on what’s truly important – their future!

About Community Choice Credit Union:

Community Choice Credit Union believes in helping its neighbors across the state of Michigan achieve the life they desire. Since 1935, the Credit Union has offered a wide variety of products and services that help consumers and business owners achieve their financial goals. Community Choice’s Give Big efforts have resulted in a contribution of more than 25,909 volunteer hours into communities across the state. Their foundation, the Community Choice Foundation, has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to graduating seniors who attend a Michigan college or university. Anyone who lives in the state of Michigan is eligible to become a member. For more information, visit www.CommunityChoice.com.