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## **Community Choice Awards New Scholarships for Skilled Trade Training**

**Farmington Hills, Mich., May 27, 2020** -- Community Choice Credit Union recently announced the winners of their 2020 scholarships, and among them were four winners in a new category for skilled trade training. The addition of the four new skilled trade scholarships came about as the result of a changing Michigan economy and a more non-traditional educational landscape.

“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 to meet the needs within our state. The 10 new scholarships earmarked for continued and non-traditional education allowed us to help a variety of students across Michigan.

“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. Listed are the winners of the skilled trade scholarships, along with their hometowns and educational focus.

- **Nichole Ezell, Wyandotte**, Bethel School of Technology (Online), Software Development
- **Ryan Mansfield, Holland**, Patrick Thompson M-Tec, H.V.A.C.R.
- **Margarita Barry, Detroit**, Eastern Michigan University (Online), Graphic Design
- **Keysha Bouyer, Detroit**, Schoolcraft College, Culinary Arts

In total, the Community Choice Foundation awarded 15 high school seniors with \$5,000 scholarships, while six others earned \$2,500 scholarships for continuing education and four earned \$2,500 to pursue skilled trade training for a total of \$100,000.

More than 1,400 students filled out applications in all three categories, which is the highest total ever. The state-wide scholarship program began in 2009 and has now awarded a total of \$1.2 million to deserving students.

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](http://www.CommunityChoice.com).