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**Madison County Community Foundation Awards \$235,000 in Scholarships**  
*New \$25,000 John Memorial Scholarship to be awarded beginning in 2024*

The board of directors of the Madison County Community Foundation (MCCF) recently approved scholarship awards totaling more than \$235,000 to local students. This total represents 62 different students from ten area high schools (public and private), homeschooled students, and current college students.

It does not include the four-year, 100% tuition Lilly Endowed Scholarships that were awarded to two local students, Riann Mason (Anderson High School) and Vanessa McNeal (Anderson Preparatory Academy), last fall.

Scholarships are awarded by a committee of local volunteers who review and score the applications, evaluating against the criteria for each scholarship fund. "Every year the committee has some very difficult decisions to make, and this year was no different," said Kari Sisk, MCCF's Vice President of Programs for. "We are always amazed by the caliber of students, the diverse backgrounds they come from, and the academic futures ahead of them."

This year's MCCF scholarship committee consisted of: Antonio Quinones, Tressena Jones, Ginger Mills, Jenn Farmer, Ryan Walsh, Laine Ricker-Patterson, Joy Byrne, and Jackie Alexander.

Overall, the Madison County Community Foundation administers 63 different scholarship funds which are made possible by the generosity of local donors. Approximately half of these are endowed, meaning that the gift principal is permanent and never spent, generating funds for a lifetime. Some of these awards are specific to certain fields of study or graduates of certain high schools, while others are based on general academic and/or need-based standards.

Beginning next year, a new scholarship will be awarded by MCCF for the first time and awarded annually moving forward. The James Robert ("Bob") and Phyllis Louise John Endowed Memorial Scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$25,000 each year to a Madison County student attending or graduated from Frankton High School or Anderson High School. The fund was established with an estate gift when Bob John passed away in 2005. Additional criteria will be announced before the application cycle opens in early 2024.

The Madison County Community Foundation exists to help enhance the life of all Madison County citizens. Founded in 1992 and celebrating its 31<sup>st</sup> year of existence, the MCCF has distributed more than \$28 million in grants and scholarships to local organizations and students. Over \$33 million has been donated to the MCCF by more than 3,000 individual contributors. For more information visit [www.madisonccf.org](http://www.madisonccf.org).

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