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## **American 1 Credit Union Announces 2026 Scholarships and Grant Recipients**

**Jackson, MI** (June 11, 2026) – American 1 Credit Union announced today that it awarded \$13,500 in scholarships and grants to individuals from its five service counties pursuing higher education. These programs provide valuable financial assistance to high school seniors and individuals pursuing their educational goals.

The awards are part of American 1's annual Community Involvement Scholarship and Grant Program. Since 2004, the scholarship program has been proudly funded through American 1's Skip-a-Pay program. This initiative allows credit union members to skip a month's loan payment for a \$25 fee, with part of this fee contributing to the scholarship fund. In addition to the scholarships, American 1 is proud to offer the Board of Directors Educational Grant, available to individuals at any life stage who are pursuing a degree or are enrolled in a trade school program.

“At American 1, we believe education is one of the most powerful investments we can make in our communities,” said Cheryl Schantz, a Director on the American 1 Board of Directors. “Through our scholarship and grant programs, we’re proud to support individuals at every stage of their educational journey and help remove financial barriers to achieving their goals.”

**The 2026 American 1 Scholarship winners are:**

- Mia M. | Western High School | Jackson
- Mikaela T. | Columbia Central High School | Jackson
- Tierstyn M. | Jackson High School | Jackson
- Zachary H. | Hanover Horton High School | Jackson
- Vincent H. | Northwest High School | Jackson
- Payten M. | Homer High School | Calhoun
- Jonah K. | Marshall High School | Calhoun
- Grace S. | Jonesville High School | Hillsdale
- Claire C. | Tecumseh High School | Lenawee
- Brenna T. | Chelsea High School | Washtenaw

**The 2026 American 1 Board of Directors Grant winner is:**

- George M. | Michigan Center High School | Jackson

“It was inspiring to review so many exceptional submissions,” said Haley Hemmig, Community Partnership Manager at American 1. “We’re grateful for the opportunity to support students locally and can’t wait to see the positive impact they’ll make through their education.”

To learn more about American 1 Credit Union’s annual scholarships and Board of Directors Grant, visit American 1’s website: [american1cu.org/scholarships](http://american1cu.org/scholarships)

**About American 1 Credit Union**

Established in 1950, American 1 Credit Union proudly serves over 67,000 members with the support of more than 280 employees and 16 branch locations across Jackson, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Washtenaw, and Calhoun counties. Now in its 76th year, American 1 Credit Union remains committed to creating financial wellness through personal, everyday banking in the communities it serves. For more information, visit [American1CU.org](http://American1CU.org).

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