

Mil-Way Federal Credit Union Awards Four \$1,000 Scholarships

The Donald G. Smith Scholarship was created in 1996 to honor retired Mil-Way FCU president, Don Smith. Mr. Smith served as our president from 1970 until 1995, at which time he retired. In 2012, the board voted to increase the number of scholarships to four in the amount of \$1000 each (\$500 per semester.) The scholarships were awarded July 1st, with applications accepted during the month of May. Applicants must be a member of Mil-Way FCU, must be enrolled as a full time college undergraduate student and must maintain a 2.50 grade point average.

Our recipients have been very successful in their studies and have gone on to professional and rewarding careers. Not only is it exciting to see these students excel, it is an honor for us to award these scholarships in Mr. Smith's name.



Hollyn Coker-2015 Fouke High School graduate

Coker is the daughter of Dennis and the late Tanya Coker, of Fouke. While attending Fouke High School, Coker served as president of the FHS National Honor Society and FBLA as well as the committee chair for HOSA and was a member of FCCLA all while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. She also received first team all-conference softball for three years and received offensive Most Valuable Player during this time.

Coker plans to attend the University of Arkansas in Little Rock in the fall, majoring in biology, with the goal of becoming a neonatal surgeon.



Victoria Neal-2015 Liberty-Eylau High School graduate

Neal is the daughter of Jeff and Tiffani Neal of Texarkana, TX. Graduating 5th in her class at Liberty-Eylau, Neal served as Student Council treasurer, Theatre vice president and Choir president. Having been selected as the Theatre and Choir Student of the Year, Neal was also a Leopard cheerleader and is currently an active member of her church's worship band and choir.

Neal will attend the University of Central Arkansas in Conway where she plans to major in health sciences with a minor in music. Her goal is to secure a career in physical therapy after college.



Jessie Owens-2015 Liberty-Eylau High School graduate

Owens is the daughter of David and Sharon Owens of Texarkana, TX. Valedictorian of her high school class, Owens was extremely active in school as she was a member of the Spanish Club, National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Students as well as served as editor for the Key Club and as president of 4-H. Owens lettered in tennis and won numerous subject awards during her tenure in high school.

With plans to go to medical school to become a dermatologist, Owens will obtain her bachelor's degree in biology from Texas A&M-Texarkana.



Rachel Pounds-2015 Ashdown High School graduate

Pounds is the daughter of Mark and Rhonda Pounds of Ashdown, AR. Extremely active in high school and her community, Pounds was a member of the Skills Club, Targets, Quiz Bowl, Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Purple Pride Marching band as well as worked with the Special Olympics program and volunteered at Wadley Regional Medical Center.

Pounds is to major in history at Henderson State University with plans to receive her masters in the field of anthropology.

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