Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners

Eight Oklahoma students have a little extra cash as they prepare for their education. Congratulations to four students who received first place and four students who received honorable mention in the 2020 Scholarship Contest. Sponsored by TFCU Financial Advisors and TFCU's SaveAbles Kids Club, the contest was open to TFCU members age 18 and under. Contestants submitted a drawing or photo showing what they want to be when they grow up. Entrants 13 and older also wrote a short essay on the subject "My college dreams are...

Category A (Ages 3-7)

First Place Finn Rhymer-Astronaut



Honorable Mention Giuliana Tardibono-Mother & Veterinarian



Category B (Ages 8-12)

First Place Daelan Myatt-Polieman



Honorable Mention Rylan Myatt-Fireman



I want to learn to be a(n) Fireman

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Category C (Ages 13-15)

First Place Manu Contreras – Architect



My college dreams are...My dream is to be an architect. Driving to elementary school, I always saw a house with a modern design in an average looking neighborhood. I loved it! That house inspired me to want to make my own unique buildings. The dream I plan to achieve in college is getting a degree in architecture, while competing on scholarship in cross-country and track. In my drawing, my diploma, cap, and gown are by the track, which leads to a house under construction that I've designed, and my shadow celebrates successes. My artwork represents the dedication it takes to accomplish my goals.

Honorable Mention Amy Gilstrap – Professional Baker



My college dreams are...to attend College of the Ozarks. There I plan to earn a Bachelor's degree in culinary arts, which will equip me to own and operate my own bakery. I will learn to perfect difficult techniques and delicacies, such as macaroons, petit fours, and biscotti. I chose to take on this field of study because good food (particularly dessert) makes people happy. To see smiles on the faces of my future customers would not only give me a sense of accomplishment, but would also bring me joy knowing that something I made could make someone happy.

Category D (Ages 16-18)

First Place Jennifer Henderson – Psychology Professor



My college dreams are...to get an experimental psychology doctorate so that I can research and teach the next generation about human behavior and ethical practices. As a Cherokee Indian, I've seen to many unethical research experiments done on Native Americans and I want to do my part by teaching research ethics. I also want to complete research for the underserved. like Native Americans on reservations ravaged by alcoholism and poverty, so they can get funding and overcome what plagues their communities. With TFCU's help, I'll be able to put myself through college so that I can help countless others.

Honorable Mention Connie Kettler - Pediatrician



My college dreams are to get my nursing degree and work as a nurse as I go to school to get my doctorate. I love helping and working with children and learning about science, so going to college to become a pediatrician would make all my dreams come true.