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HomeTown Credit Union Awards 2026 Scholarships to Local Student Members

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OWATONNA, Minn. — HomeTown Credit Union proudly announces the recipients of its annual scholarship program, awarded each year in conjunction with April's Financial Literacy Month. The initiative reflects HomeTown's ongoing commitment to education and empowering young members with the knowledge and resources to build strong financial futures.

Following a competitive application process that concluded at the end of May, three outstanding student members were selected to receive scholarships in support of their post-secondary education. This year, HomeTown Credit Union awarded three $1,000 scholarships.

The scholarship program, led by HomeTown's Melissa Kuhl, Community Engagement Coordinator, is designed to recognize and reward graduating high school seniors who demonstrate both academic dedication and an understanding of financial concepts. Applicants were asked to submit a 1–3-minute video analyzing the advantages and disadvantages of Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) loan services, such as Klarna, Afterpay, and Affirm.

"This program is one of the many ways we invest in our youth and reinforce the importance of financial education," said Kuhl. "We were incredibly impressed by the thoughtfulness, creativity, and financial awareness demonstrated by all of this year's applicants."

The selected scholarship recipients plan to attend a variety of accredited institutions as they take the next step in their educational journeys. To celebrate their achievements, HomeTown Credit Union presented each recipient with their scholarship award in person. Photos of the recipients receiving their scholarship checks are included with this release.

HomeTown Credit Union remains dedicated to supporting financial education at every stage of life and looks forward to continuing this impactful scholarship program in the years to come.





About HomeTown Credit Union
Founded in 1974, HomeTown Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative serving more than 25,000 members across southern Minnesota. As a credit union, HomeTown puts people over profits — reinvesting in members through competitive rates, financial education, community engagement, and initiatives that strengthen the places they service.