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The Community Foundation Awards Scholarships totaling \$586,500

(June 2025) - The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC) approved scholarships totaling \$586,500 to 94 WNC students in 59 schools in 20 counties. More than 50 volunteers from the community worked to review applications and select recipients.

Top recipient **Keith Tran** of **Henderson County Early College High School** was awarded the Nathaniel Ellis Cannady, Jr. Scholarship, valued at \$20,000 over four years. **Emalee Taylor** of **East Henderson High School**, **Brooke Holbert** of **Henderson County Early College High School**, **Lila Feather** of **Hendersonville High School**, **Brisa Munoz Hernandez** of **North Henderson High School**, and **Ariel Nolan**, **Brielle Thompson**, and **Sara Kim** of **West Henderson High School** were also awarded.

“I look forward to the evaluation process each year because it always serves to reinforce that there are great young people in our community with incredible potential to shape the future positively,” said Logan Bolick, a volunteer reviewer for the Rotary Club of Asheville Harry R. Morrill Scholarship program. “It is a privilege to play a part rewarding them for their efforts as they enter their college years.”

Scholarship endowments can have broad eligibility criteria, be focused on a particular school or county, offered to students pursuing a degree in a stated field or available to those who will attend a designated college or university.

CFWNC works with families, businesses and nonprofits to strengthen communities through the creation of charitable funds and strategic grantmaking. A permanent charitable resource, the Foundation manages over 1,300 funds and facilitated \$23.8 million in grants last year bringing total giving to more than \$387 million since its founding in 1978. Learn more at www.cfwnc.org.

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