

United Way awards scholarships

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The United Way of Daviess County awarded four \$1,500 scholarships to local students.

Students applying for the scholarships were required to have at least a 3.0 GPA, provide their most current transcript, complete an application and turn in a 500 word essay on how they contribute to the community through volunteerism.

“We are happy to be able to offer high school scholarships for the first time that I’m aware of. We were able to gift a total of \$6,000 for all four high schools in Daviess County,” said United Way of Daviess County Executive Director **Zella Taylor**, adding the scholarships were made possible with money leftover in the 2017 budget. “This brought the question of, “what could we do to give back in our community outside of campaign allocation dollars?” With the board and committee approval, we were able to make this one of our Impact projects.”

Winners were Washington High School’s **Elias Bercerra**, Washington Catholic’s **Maggie Burks**, North Daviess **Audrea Lengacher** and Barr-Reeve’s **Mackenzie Swartzentruber**.

“It’s very rewarding to be able to help someone along with way during their education journey and we are honored to be a part of that,” said United Way Board Member **Eric Lane**. “Our hope is that they continue to share with their communities wherever they may settle in their career paths in the future.”

Kara Schaffer, United Way board chair, said the United Way was thrilled to be able to offer scholarships to deserving students.

“In talking with three of the winners, they all

have impressive plans for their future. I am glad that we can assist financially in achieving their goals,” said **Schaffer**.



THE UNITED WAY OF DAVIESS County presented \$1,500 scholarships to four local high school students. Pictured are **Audrea Lengacher** from North Daviess, **Elias Bercerra** from Washington and **Maggie Burks** from Washington Catholic. In back are United Way Executive Director **Zella Taylor** along with United Way board member **Eric Lane** and board chair **Kara Schaffer**. Not pictured is Barr-Reeve winner **Mckenzie Swartzentruber**.

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United Way announces new scholarship

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Each year, the United Way of Daviess County awards grants to several partner organization that help improve the lives of those in the community in the areas of health, education and income.

Now, the local United Way is offering students a chance to use their caring power to earn money to continue their education after high school.

“The United Way of Daviess County is excited to share that we will be offering four \$1,500 scholarships to juniors and seniors this year,” said Daviess County United Way Executive Director **Zella Taylor**.

The scholarships, open to junior and seniors at all four Daviess County high schools, Taylor said isn't based specifically on academics.

“We want to acknowledge students who not only are doing well in school but who are also serving in their community and giving back,” said Taylor, who said scholarship applications are available online at the Daviess County United Way website.

Taylor said United Way's goal is to get younger individuals familiar with what the organization is and what it does for the community.

“United Way has a major impact to Daviess County and it's important the entire community knows it,” said Taylor, adding United Way does more than just an annual campaign and Day of Caring each year.

Made possible through the generosity of local businesses and individuals during the 2017 annual campaign, students applying for the scholarships should have at least a 3.0 GPA, provide their most current transcript, complete an application and turn in a 500 word essay on how they contribute to the community through volunteerism. Interviews will follow the reviewing of the applications.

“The United Way is proud to offer this scholarship opportunity for our county's juniors and seniors,” said Kara Schaffer, Daviess County United Way board chair. “This scholarship aligns perfectly with our focus on education, income and health. We are looking forward to reviewing the applications to learn more about the students and to see how they are serving our community with their time and talents.”

If funds allow, Schaffer said, the United Way continue to offer the scholarships.

One winner from each high school will be c the \$1,500 scholarship. Application must be sub by March 15. For more information, contact the Daviess County United Way at 812-254-1038 or at www.unitedwayofdaviesscounty.org/scholarship-opportunity-graduating-seniorsdaviess-county.