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AMEA and its Members announce 2017 scholarship winners

Forty-four (44) high school seniors will enroll in a four-year college/university, community college, and/or vocational school in Alabama this year with help from the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) and its 11 Members through the 2017 AMEA Scholarship Program.

Each of the 44 scholarship recipients will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for a total of \$110,000 awarded in this year's program. AMEA received 200 scholarship applications in the 2017 program.

Since 1992, AMEA and its Members have provided over \$2 million in scholarships to the graduating high school seniors who receive their electric service from AMEA Members, including Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, LaFayette, Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Riviera Utilities (Foley), Sylacauga and Tuskegee.

To be eligible for the AMEA scholarships, a student's family must receive electric service from an AMEA Member city electric utility and the student must attend an Alabama college/university or vocational school.

"We take our role as a good corporate citizen seriously," said Fred D. Clark, Jr., AMEA President & CEO. "That's why we, along with our Members, support education initiatives, like the AMEA Scholarship Program, that contribute to making our state economically competitive. We congratulate this year's scholarship winners."

This year's AMEA Academic Scholarship recipients are:

Robert Tucker Beckett, Benjamin Russell High School, Alexander City
Lauren Elizabeth Hanna, Benjamin Russell High School, Alexander City

Marley Elizabeth McAlister, Benjamin Russell High School, Alexander City
Courtney Daye Mathis, Providence Christian School, Dothan
Alayna Marie Shipman, Providence Christian School, Dothan
Sarah Marina Thompson, Houston Academy, Dothan
Matthew Jack Mitchell, Bayside Academy, Fairhope
Michael Austin Saraceno, Fairhope High School, Fairhope
Jordan Elizabeth Smith, Fairhope High School, Fairhope
Hannah Elizabeth Yingst, Fairhope High School, Fairhope
Mackenzie Liana Brentzel, Spanish Fort High School, Riviera Utilities
Adam Blakeney Davis, Spanish Fort High School, Riviera Utilities
Kelsey Blaine Reagan, Fairhope High School, Riviera Utilities
Bailey Michelle Salter, Foley High School, Riviera Utilities
Lajavier Daequan Bryant, LaFayette High School, LaFayette
Nataja Lashun Reece, LaFayette High School, LaFayette
Ataiya Debrione Bridges, Lanett High School, Lanett
Connor Jacob Buchanan, Valley High School, Lanett
Anna Elizabeth Drake, Springwood School, Lanett
Carson Elizabeth Leva, Springwood School, Lanett
Frances Jean Ackerman, Luverne High School, Luverne
Tyler Paten Powell, Luverne High School, Luverne
Hunter Blake Stalling, Luverne High School, Luverne
John Houston Fuller, Lee-Scott Academy, Opelika
Samantha Louise Herring, Opelika High School, Opelika
Henry Hamilton Smith, Opelika High School, Opelika
Martha Tattum Jane Denham, Piedmont High School, Piedmont
Elizabeth Caroline McCurdy, Piedmont High School, Piedmont
Payton Michelle McFry, Piedmont High School, Piedmont
Makayla Faithe West, Piedmont High School, Piedmont
Madison Elizabeth Harper, Sylacauga High School, Sylacauga Utilities Board
William Levi Parker, Sylacauga High School, Sylacauga Utilities Board
Justin Finkley, Booker T. Washington High School, Utilities Board of Tuskegee
Tamunoenefaa Jonathan Harry, Booker T. Washington High School, Utilities Board of Tuskegee
Cheyanne Dakota Marable, Booker T. Washington High School, Utilities Board of Tuskegee
Jordan Kimesha Pace, Booker T. Washington High School, Utilities Board of Tuskegee

This year's AMEA Vocational School Scholarship recipients include:

Russell Lee Lunsford, Benjamin Russell High School, Alexander City
Bianca Nicole Anderson, Dothan High School, Dothan
Allie Peyton Brushwood, Chambers Academy, LaFayette
Elizabeth Lenoir Thrower, Chambers Academy, LaFayette
Charles Hunter DeVoss, Luverne High School, Luverne
Turner Matthew Adkins, Lee-Scott Academy, Opelika
Jacob Ryan Daniel, Sylacauga High School, Sylacauga Utilities Board
Taivion Sanchez Keith, Childersburg High School, Sylacauga Utilities Board

AMEA, a joint action agency formed in 1981, is the wholesale power provider for 11 public power utilities in Alabama, which serve approximately 350,000 customers in the cities of Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley, LaFayette, Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga and Tuskegee.