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# **U-46 Announces 20 Winners of the Superintendent's Scholarship**

*School District U-46 and the U-46 Educational Foundation recognize first-generation college students*

Twenty U-46 Class of 2020 members will move on to college in the fall with a \$1,000 Superintendent's Scholarship. All are first-generation college-bound students, with four winners from each of the District's five comprehensive high schools; Bartlett, Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin and Streamwood.

"These first generation students have proven through their academic and extracurricular accomplishments that they are college-ready, poised to take on the challenges of continuing their education past high school," said U-46 Superintendent Tony Sanders. "We look forward to watching these students continue to succeed in college and beyond."

Since the Superintendent's Scholarship fund was established in 2012 through the [U-46 Educational Foundation](#), nearly 250 U-46 graduates, including this year's recipients, have each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Eligible seniors submitted applications for the scholarship this past winter. The application included their high school transcript, a copy of their Federal Student Aid application, a letter of recommendation from an adult (a principal, teacher, academic advisor, employer, religious leader, etc.) and a personal essay. A panel of judges selected the 20 scholarship recipients.

On April 23rd, recipients participated in a Zoom networking workshop led by former Board of Education member Traci O'Neal Ellis who emphasized the

skills needed to make a good first impression and demonstrate self-confidence. Yvonne Irving from KCT Credit Union also spoke with the students. She addressed topics such as financial aid, student loans, and establishing a line of credit.

The 20 Class of 2020 Superintendent's Scholarship recipients are as follows:

**Bartlett High School**

Grant Simmons  
Karina Flores  
Michael Ian Rabanal  
Sophie Praxmarer

**Elgin High School**

Arielle Taylor  
Briauna Brown  
Emily Acevedo  
Montserrat Ponce

**Larkin High School**

Berenice Gomez  
Edson Rangel  
Marteena Mendel-Duckins  
Ricardo Golden-Garcia

**South Elgin High School**

Dulce Aguilar  
Hannah Kolbusz  
Karolina Terlikowski  
Mercedes Alejandre

**Streamwood High School**

Brandon Munoz  
Gabiella Cardinale  
Kaleb Louden  
Lynise Gutierrez

**About the U-46 Educational Foundation:** Established in 2006, the U-46 Educational Foundation supports School District U-46's students, teachers, and schools by enhancing student learning and well-being. You can learn more by visiting our website: [www.u-46.org/Foundation](http://www.u-46.org/Foundation).