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St. Thomas Federal Credit Union Provides \$10,000 in Scholarships to Three College-Bound Students

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The St. Thomas Federal Credit Union (STTFCU) has announced \$10,000 in scholarships to three recipients.

For many years, the credit union has earmarked \$10,000 annually to their scholarship program and award aspiring college students a one-time scholarship to attend college. The scholarship is opened to students graduating from a Virgin Islands high school whose parents or guardians are good standing members of STTFCU.

According to the release, the recipients are chosen primarily on their scholarship package, including their transcript, community involvement, and essay topic selected by

STTFCU. This year's essay topic was, "How has the Covid-19 Pandemic changed your mindset towards your educational goals and the future?"

"Determining the recipients of our scholarship is always a difficult decision, and although we would love to give scholarships to all that applied, a decision had to be made," said Keisha L. Richards, CEO of STTFCU.

Three students were selected to receive the 2021 Educational Scholarship. The recipients are Teiji Francis, Mi'Kaylah Thomas, and Kaylin Wallen. This year is rather extraordinary, as this is the first year that a scholarship was awarded to a graduate departing for a Career Technical School, the credit union said. "College is indeed not for everyone, and we wanted to ensure that we extend the opportunity to all aspiring to fulfill their dreams," Ms. Richards added.

Well-spoken and humbled, Teiji Francis has a passion for auto repair. He plans to attend Universal Technical Institute (UTI) and pursue Automotive Technology, according to the release. His future goal is to return home and establish an auto repair shop for electric vehicles. Teiji was awarded \$3,000.

Determined and mild-mannered Mi'Kaylah Thomas's interest lies in both science and law. She aspires to obtain her undergraduate degree at the University of the Virgin Islands and further her law degree on the mainland. Her passion is to become a Patent Attorney. Mi'Kaylah was awarded \$2,000.

Studious and polite, Kaylin Wallen shares a passion for oceanography and stem cell research. She plans to attend Hollins University and obtain a dual major in Biology and Economics, with one day becoming a genetics researcher at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or an economic researcher. Kaylin was awarded \$5,000.

"We are firm believers in continued education and only see it fit to assist our next generation with achieving their educational goals by striving to ensure that we do our part to support the community and membership," the federal credit union said.