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Local students awarded scholarships

Four college-bound students' tuition bills will be a little lighter thanks to scholarships they recently received from Arsenal Credit Union (Arnold, Mo.). **Meghan Lenhardt, Michelle McAtee, Colleen Carter, and Amanda Hancock** each were awarded a scholarship based on academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and community involvement.

Lenhardt, a graduate of Mehlville High School, received a \$1,000 scholarship. This fall, she will attend Missouri State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science in biology. She hopes to get a Master's degree in marine biology and become a marine biologist with an emphasis in marine life conservation and ocean preservation. She is the daughter of David and Bridget Lenhardt of Sappington.

McAtee graduated from Rosati-Kain High School. She received a \$1,000 scholarship and plans to attend Truman State University. She will study history in order to pursue a career in law. She is the daughter of Michael and Irene McAtee of St. Louis.

Carter, a \$500 scholarship recipient, also graduated from Rosati-Kain High School. She is going to the University of Missouri-Columbia to pursue a degree in biology and pre-med in order to become a physician. She is the daughter of James and Nancy Carter of Affton.

Hancock also received a \$500 scholarship. She graduated from Oakville High School and plans to attend the University of Arkansas to major in economics and finance in order to define economic policy. She is the daughter of Michael and Shelley Hancock of Oakville.

This is the 12th scholarship competition Arsenal Credit Union has held; to date, the credit union has awarded \$30,250 to 37 high school seniors.

Scholarships, grants, and financial aid make the cost of a college education more realistic for many students. For the 2007-2008 school year, tuition and fees increased an average of 6 percent from the previous year for four-year colleges and universities, according to the *College Board's Trends in College Pricing 2007*.



Scholarship Committee Chairman Randy Pratt (center) presented awards to (l-r) Meghan Lenhardt, Amanda Hancock, Colleen Carter, and Michelle McAtee.

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