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**RICHARD T. GOSSER SCHOLARSHIPS**

**AWARDED TO TWELVE STUDENTS**

May 11,2022

**Twelve** outstanding high school seniors from Region 2B UAW families have been awarded a **$10,000.00** college scholarship by the **Richard T. Gosser Scholarship Awards Program**.

The Gosser Scholarship Awards Program, named in honor of the late **UAW Vice President and Regional Director, Richard T. Gosser** was established in **1962**.

This year, seven (7) Scholarships will be awarded in the name of **Richard T. Gosser** and one (1) Scholarship each will be awarded in the name of **Ruthann Gosser-Harrison, Joseph Tomasi, Jack Sizemore, Lloyd Mahaffey and Ken Lortz.**

Including the 2021-2022 winners, 392 students have received Gosser scholarships. An additional 151 students have received runner-up scholarships. In all, $3,118,000 in scholarships have been awarded since the program began in 1962.

The 2021-2022 Scholarship Winners are:

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| **Sasha Johanna Franklin**, a senior at Whitmer High School*, Toledo, OH,* who ranked 3 out of a class of 500 students. Her father, Scott Franklin, is a member of **UAW** **Local 12** and works at Stellantis Jeep, Toledo, OH. |
| **Ellison Tan Nou**, a senior at Carmel High School*, Carmel, IN. The school does not* rank students students. His father, Vanna Nou, is a member of **UAW** **Local 1302** and works at Kokomo Transmission, Kokomo, IN. |
| **Jack Brice Hamilton**, a senior at Canfield High School*, Canfield, OH,* who ranked 23 out of a class of 233 students. His mother, Cheryl Cleevely, is a member of **UAW** **Local 14** and works at GM Powertrain, Toledo, OH. |
| **Collin Matthew Pertner**, a senior at St. Paul High School*, Norwalk, OH,* who ranked 14 out of a class of 69 students. His father, Scott Pertner, is a member of **UAW** **Local 1216** and works at Ventra, Bellevue, OH. |
| **Molly Irene Brammer**, a senior at Clay High School*, Oregon, OH,* who ranked 36 out of a class of 272 students. Her father, Thomas Brammer, is a member of **UAW** **Local 1219** and works at Ford Lima, Lima, OH. |
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| **Olivia Janelle Strohsack**, a senior at Brookside High School*, Sheffield, OH,* who ranked 7 out of a class of 117 students. Her father, Brian Strohsack, is a member of **UAW** **Local 1005** and works at MFD Parma, Parma, OH. |
| **Chelsie Nicole Porter**, a homeschooled*, Defiance, OH*. Her father, Wayne Porter, is a member of **UAW** **Local 211** and works at GM Powertrain, Defiance, OH. |
| **Nicholas Christiaan Smith**, a senior at Noblesville High School*, Noblesville, IN,* who ranked in the 95% of 685 students of his class. His father, Jason Smith, is a member of **UAW** **Local 1302** and works at Stellantis ITP, Kokomo, IN. |
| **Jameson Andrew VanBelkum**, a senior at Indiana Academy for Science, Math & Humanities*, Muncie, IN,* who ranked 38 out of a class of 101 students. His father, Nicholas VanBelkum, is a member of **UAW** **Local 977** and works at General Motors, Marion, IN. |
| **Dylan Kenneth Border**, a senior at Toledo Early College High School*, Toledo, OH. The school does not rank students*. His father, Jason Carmony, is a member of **UAW** **Local 12** and works at Stellantas-TAC, Toledo, OH. |
| **Gavin Charles Askins**, a senior at Tinora High School*, Defiance, OH,* who ranked 11 out of a class of 95 students. His father, Charles Askins, is a member of **UAW** **Local 211** and works at GM Powertrain, Defiance, OH. |
| **Alexander Josef Handell**, a senior at Lake Central High School*, Saint John, IN,* who is ranked in the top 5% of his class. His father, David Handell, is a member of **UAW** **Local 2335** and works at Lear Corporation, Hammond, OH. |

**The selections were made by a five-member Board of Judges composed of:**

**Joe Balderas, Director, Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center**

**Vallie Bowman-English, Judge, Toledo Municipal Court, Toledo, Ohio**

**Jack Puffenberger, Judge, Lucas County Clerk of Courts of Common Pleas, Toledo, Ohio**

**Sandy Simon, University of Toledo-Retired, Toledo Public Schools Career Coach, Toledo, Ohio**

**John Tharp, Lucas County Sheriff, Toledo, Ohio**

**A LITTLE ABOUT THE LOCALS WHO HAD WINNERS THIS YEAR:**

# LOCAL 12 Stellantis Jeep, Toledo, OH

Participation since beginning

(39th & 40th Winners)

**LOCAL 14 GM Powertrain, Toledo, OH**

Participation since 1989

(28th Winner)

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**LOCAL 211 GM Powertrain, Defiance, OH**

Participation since 1987

(29th & 30th Winners)

**LOCAL 977 General Motors, Marion, IN**

Participation since 2012

(3rd Winner)

**LOCAL 1005 MFD Parma, Parma, OH**

Participation since 2008

(8th Winner)

**LOCAL 1216 Ventra, Sandusky, OH**

Participation since 1983

(7th Winner)

**LOCAL 1219 Ford, Lima, OH**

Participation since 2009

(5th Winner)

**LOCAL 1302 Kokomo Transmission, Kokomo, IN**

Participation since 2012

(7th & 8th Winners)

**LOCAL 2335 Lear Seating, Hammond, IN**

Participation since 2014

(1st Winner)

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