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State Department Federal Credit Union  
Awards \$20,000 to Thirteen Scholarship Winners

Alexandria, Virginia -- State Department Federal Credit Union's Board of Directors announced the winners of their twenty-seventh Annual Scholarship Competition. Since the competition's inception in 1976, SDFCU has awarded more than \$140,000 in scholarships. This year's \$20,000 award fund was divided among thirteen recipients.

SDFCU's 2003 Scholarship Competition winners are:

**! Angelia Barnes**

Strayer University  
Accounting

**! Laura Byrne**

Catholic University School of Law  
Law

**! Marcus Caldwell**

Virginia Union University  
Management Information Systems

**! Tasha Campbell**

Cornell University  
Psychology

**! Angela Curtis**

College of Southern Maryland  
Elementary Education

**! Michelle Davis**

University of Maryland University College  
Business Management

**! Sherry Wright**

Bowie State University  
Sociology/Criminal Justice

**! Tristan Engler**

University of California, Santa Barbara  
Law and Society

**! Heather Glenn**

University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Physician Assistant

**! Michelle Lee**

Strayer University  
Computer Networking

**! Lori Pierson**

Northern Virginia Community College  
Human Services

**! Maria Rivera**

Trinity College  
Mechanical Engineering

**! Cara Staley**

The University of Akron School of Law  
Law

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"We are pleased to award \$20,000 in scholarships to our academically outstanding members," said John C. Adkin, President/CEO of SDFCU. "We value education and assist our members by providing scholarships and education loans."

To qualify for the scholarship competition, students must be SDFCU members and have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at an accredited college or university. The competition is open to both graduates and undergraduates who meet certain GPA and financial criteria.

The Scholarship Competition was established in 1976. Since then, the annual award fund has increased from \$2,000 to \$20,000. Each year in February, scholarship applications are available by mail, online and at the Credit Union's five branches. All applications and transcripts must be received by mid-April for consideration.

In addition to scholarship funds, SDFCU offers education loans for students and their parents to finance college tuition -- Federal Stafford Loans (both subsidized and unsubsidized) and Federal Parent Loans to Undergraduate Students (PLUS).

State Department Federal Credit Union serves employees of the State Department. The Credit Union also serves National Credit Union Administration employees. SDFCU has assets exceeding \$646 million with more than 61,000 members. See our website at [www.sdfcu.org](http://www.sdfcu.org) for more information.