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**Gulf Winds Cares Foundation Announces $25,000 in Scholarships Available for Local Students**

**Pensacola, Florida (January 12, 2024) —** Gulf Winds Credit Union is pleased to announce the Gulf Winds Cares Foundation will be awarding $25,000 in scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year.

There are five scholarships available to local students in the amount of $5,000 each. Three scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors entering a college or university. One scholarship is reserved for a high school senior entering a trade school and the final scholarship is reserved for a student currently in higher education courses to pursue a medical career.

The Rex Burt Trade School Scholarship remembers Rex Burt, former Facilities Manager at Gulf Winds Credit Union. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to a student pursuing a trade. We are grateful for the opportunity to honor Rex’s memory and work, ensuring that his contributions to our organization and the community are never forgotten.

The purpose of the Micah Williams Memorial Scholarship is to recognize outstanding students and support their ambition to provide professional medical services. This scholarship is in memory of Micah Williams, an eight-month-old infant who lost his life to hypoplastic left heart syndrome. Gulf Winds celebrates his life by helping those like the people who made a difference to the Williams family.

Both the Credit Union and the Foundation operate with the philosophy of *people helping people*, which guides us to ensure all our efforts benefit our members and neighbors and their well-being. Since 2007, Gulf Winds has awarded $242,500 in scholarships to 65 students.

Applicants must live within Gulf Wind’s field of membership, and either be a member or have a direct family member that is a Gulf Winds member. Applications are currently open and can be found at GoGulfWinds.com/Scholarship. The application portal closes at 11:59 p.m. on March 8, 2024, and recipients will be informed by the end of May 2024.

**About Gulf Winds:**

Since 1954, Gulf Winds Credit Union has offered products and services that *Move Members Forward*. Gulf Winds provides 81,000+ members with the convenience of 13 branch locations, digital banking, nationwide surcharge-free ATMs and the support of more than 200 knowledgeable employees committed to providing excellent service. Membership is open to anyone that lives, works, worships or attends school in North Florida, Southern Alabama and Southern Georgia. Visit [GoGulfWinds.com](file:///%5C%5Cgwfcu-fileserve%5Csecure_gwfcu%5CMarketing%5CMarketing%5CGulf%20Winds%20Marketing%5C-%202019%5CNews%20Releases%5CGoGulfWinds.com) for more information.