Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
June 12, 2025	Recognition Item 9

Title

Don Stevens and Bob Burns Memorial Scholarships

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Don Stevens and Bob Burns Memorial Scholarship Winners

Summary Explanation and Background

The Don Stevens and Bob Burns Memorial Scholarships, awarded by the Cherokee County Educational Foundation, honor students who attend a Cherokee County School District high school and are pursuing a private pilot's license.

Mr. Stevens was a retired captain for Delta Airlines and the longtime chairman of the Cherokee County Airport Authority. Mr. Burns spent 50 years in aviation as both an instructor and a pilot. To honor their legacies, their families created the scholarships with the assistance of CCEF to help students with the expenses of training and obtaining their licenses. The committee selected four students to receive a $500 scholarship and two students to receive a $10,000 scholarship.

Creekview HS Class of 2025 graduate Zoie Thorne and Etowah HS rising junior Leah Schmid were selected to receive the $10,000 Don Stevens Memorial Aviation Scholarships. Zoie will pursue her flight training at ATP Flight School; Leah will pursue her flight training at Phoenix Air Flight School.

Cherokee HS rising junior William “Max” Tyler, Creekview HS Class of 2025 graduate Lawson Looper, River Ridge HS rising senior Taylor Free and Woodstock HS rising senior Gabriel Nicolas received the $500 Private Pilot Ground School Scholarships.

Financial Impact

N/A

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