

Two Local Students Receive Annual Williamson County Fair Scholarship

2019 Awards Bring Fair Board's Investment in Student Futures to \$31,800 Over Seven Years

FRANKLIN, Tenn. -- Recent high school graduates **Amber Hiscock** and **Christine McCollum** were selected as recipients for the 2019 Williamson County Fair Board Scholarship. The annual award, which recognizes students with outstanding academic performance, leadership positions and overall involvement in the Williamson County Fair, will grant each of the incoming freshmen \$2,000 toward her college tuition.

"These are two very extraordinary and well-deserving individuals," Rogers Anderson, Williamson County Fair Chairman, said. "We know these students will succeed in pursuing their college degrees, and we are grateful that we can contribute to the future of our youth through the Fair's scholarship program."

Amber Hiscock is a 2019 Centennial High School graduate who plans to attend the University of Tennessee-Knoxville to study Aerospace Engineering.

Hiscock has been an active participant of the Williamson County Fair for the past four years, serving on the Junior Fair Board and as an officer for the Williamson County 4-H Horse Project, honing her skills at showing, judging, and hippology. She has also held secretary and vice president positions for the Honor Club and Volunteer Ranch Horse association, respectively.

Hiscock is passionate about the Williamson County Fair and what it has to offer the community.

"The County Fair provides something for everyone, whether you're a science nerd, fashion guru, livestock aficionado, enjoy watching all the shows, or just like to ride the fun rides; the Fair has something for everyone to enjoy," Hiscock wrote in her scholarship application essay.

Christine McCollum, a home-schooled student, completed her high school degree in May 2019 while also taking courses at Columbia State Community College for two semesters. She also will attend the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in the fall, where she will study agriculture.

McCollum's involvement with the Williamson County Fair includes six years on the Junior Fair Board, nine years as a 4-H member, including an officer position with the 4-H Livestock Project, and more than 300 volunteer hours and participation in a number of competitive events and shows through the years.

"The Fair has shown me how lucky I am to be able to have grown up on a farm and be immersed in agriculture," McCollum said in her scholarship application essay. "I am so thankful for the platform that 4-H and the Fair give me to share my love for agriculture and to help educate our community."

The Williamson County Fair scholarship was implemented in 2013 and has now been awarded to a total of 21 students, recognizing graduating high school seniors for their years of time and talent that

contributed to the Fair's success. To learn more about the Williamson County Fair, which will celebrate its 15th Anniversary Friday, August 2 through Saturday, August 10, go to www.williamsoncountyfair.org.

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