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Hughes Federal Credit Union Awards \$6,000 in Scholarships to Local High School Students

Tucson, AZ – As part of the 11th Annual Scholarship Program, Hughes Federal Credit Union, Southern Arizona’s premier locally-owned financial institution, awarded four high school seniors with \$6,000 in scholarships on Saturday.

“Hughes is a local institution and we are proud to be able to provide financial assistance to our local high school members,” said John Sansbury, chairman of the board. “This is our 11th year awarding scholarships and we believe this program is helping our community’s youth prepare for their future.”

This year’s recipients are:

- 1st place – Cooper Barghols, Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, \$2,500
- 2nd place – Steven Fried, University High School, \$2,000
- 3rd place – Jesse Ormand, Hidden Treasures Home School, \$1,000
- 4th place - Sumhith Aradhyula, Catalina Foothills High School, \$500

The scholarships were open to all Hughes Federal Credit Union members who are in good standing and high school seniors entering a college or trade school this fall. Applicants were required to submit a project aimed at encouraging young members to bank with Hughes Federal Credit Union. Points were awarded for the use of compelling visuals, mock advertisements, promotions and incentives. The scholarships were then awarded to students who demonstrated scholastic excellence, community service, and a strong desire to advance their education.

Hughes is a long-time proponent of financial literacy for its youngest members and was named one of the “10 Best Finance Resources by Teens” by BadCredit.org, a website devoted to raising the overall financial awareness of its visitors. Hughes was selected for our money know-how and support of financial education. The credit union is also title sponsor for Arizona KidCats Club and Arizona Take Charge Cats, both University of Arizona-affiliated groups, aimed at connecting kids to college and improving the financial literacy of Tucson’s young adults.

For more information on Hughes Federal Credit Unions Annual Scholarship program or membership please contact 520-794-JOIN.

Established in Tucson in 1952, Hughes Federal Credit Union has \$886 million in assets and more than 95,000 members. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Tucson. The Credit Union is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration. For more information, visit HughesFCU.org.

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