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NET RMA Honors Recipients of Linda Thomas Memorial Safe Driving Scholarship
6th annual scholarship awards \$2,000 to 10 Northeast Texas high school seniors

(Tyler, TX) – The North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) announced the recipients for its 6th annual Linda Thomas Memorial Safe Driving Scholarship. The scholarship awarded \$2,000 each to 10 high school seniors in NET RMA counties throughout Northeast Texas.

Linda Thomas Memorial Safe Driving Scholarship winners include:

Cass County

- Lucy Ransom – Atlanta High School
- Makenna Hamilton – Queen City High School

Cherokee County

- Harleigh Jordan – Wells High School

Smith County

- Piper Drinkwater – Bullard High School
- Sylvie Geer – Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Catholic School

Upshur County

- Sage West – Ore City High School

Van Zandt County

- Hallie Erwin – Edgewood High School

Wood County

- Sophia Mullins – Mineola High School
- Logan Sacrey – Winnsboro High School
- Samuel Sheffield – Winnsboro High School

The scholarship encourages area high school students to understand and discuss the importance of safe driving practices to local communities. Winners were selected based on safe driving-themed essays along with academic and extracurricular achievements. Each application was evaluated by the NET RMA Scholarship Committee made up of board members on the Community Relations Committee. Recipients will be able to use scholarship funds for tuition, fees, books, room, board or other expenses required by their college or university.

This year's winners include a diverse group of high school seniors from six counties in Northeast Texas. The students' planned college majors include a wide array of interests, including neuroscience, nursing, education, engineering, and finance.

"Linda Thomas served NET RMA as a beloved board member and chair for more than 18 years. The benefits of her formidable leadership are still being enjoyed across NE Texas today. We are proud to honor her memory with the Safe Driving Scholarship Program that bears her name," said Andrea Williams-McCoy, NET RMA Community Relations Chair. "This year's recipients are an impressive group of students who are moving on to top colleges across Texas and the country. NET RMA is honored to play a role in their educational journeys."

You can meet the winners and find their essays at netrma.org/scholarship.

About the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA)

The NET RMA is an independent government agency created to accelerate the development of transportation projects in Northeast Texas. The agency's mission is, in cooperation with its regional partners, to provide solutions to expedite infrastructure and mobility projects that will improve the quality of life, enhance the regional economy and assure efficient mobility in the North East Texas Region. The NET RMA is governed by a 21-member board of directors that represents each of the 14-member counties: Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Kaufman, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood. Texas RMAs were made possible through an initiative passed by the State Legislature in 2001. The NET RMA was established in October 2004. For more information visit, NETRMA.org.

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