

# Regions Bank Announces 32 Recipients of Riding Forward Scholarship

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Regions Bank](#) (NYSE:RF) has named the 32 winners of its [2014 Regions Riding Forward® Scholarship Essay Contest](#), which provides college scholarships to high school seniors and college students. To enter, eligible high school seniors and college freshmen, sophomores and juniors submitted an essay about an African-American individual who inspired them.

The scholarship contest is the centerpiece of Regions' efforts to honor Black History Month throughout its footprint. Each year, Regions chooses one high school student to receive a \$5,000 scholarship and one college student to receive a \$2,500 scholarship from each of the 16 states it serves, awarding 32 scholarships total. Since 2012, Regions has awarded \$365,000 in scholarships to 89 high school and college students.

"At Regions, our mission is to make life better for the communities we serve. We are thrilled to not only recognize the achievements of these 32 hardworking students, but also to honor the great African-American men and women who have been their inspiration," said Michele Elrod, head of Regions Marketing. "We are proud to have assisted nearly 90 students in receiving a college education through the Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest and look forward to seeing all that they will accomplish."

"Riding Forward Scholarships are one example of how Regions lives out our commitment to do well by doing good," said Lajuana Bradford, head of Regions Corporate Social Responsibility. "Providing opportunities for young people to further their education is an investment that benefits families and communities and creates ripple effects that build a stronger economic foundation and opportunities in the future."

Contest winners are:

## **High School Recipients**

Isidora Beach - Franklin, Tenn.  
Mary Braun - Columbia, S.C.  
Emily Buddy - Covington, La.  
Richard Cannella - Poquoson, Va.  
Sarah Cordell - La Grange Park, Ill.  
Adrianna Dodson - Jonesboro, Ark.  
Christopher Feazell - Mendenhall, Miss.  
Eastyn Fitzgibbon - West Des Moines, Iowa  
Joy Gullo - Madison, Ala.  
Hannah Heiges - Chesterfield, Mo.  
Quinten Johnson - San Antonio, Texas  
Nathaniel Newton - Clinton, Ky.  
Brittany Powell - Durham, N.C.  
Daniel Rollock - West Lafayette, Ind.  
Aaisha Sanaullah - Lake Mary, Fla.  
Melody West - Lithonia, Ga.

## **College Recipients**

Ebone Allen - West Memphis, Ark. (attends University of Arkansas)  
Calvin Brown, Sr. - Alpharetta, Ga. (attends Jackson State University)  
Kendrick Carter - Millington, Tenn. (attends University of Tennessee)  
Nina Johnson - Huntsville, Ala. (attends J.F. Drake State Technical College)  
Ciara Linzie - Florissant, Mo. (attends Southeast Missouri State University)  
Nicholas Lumley - DeKalb, Ill. (attends Northern Illinois University)  
Ruldoph McIntosh, Jr. - Louisville, Ky. (attends University of Kentucky)  
KayCeI Moton-Melancon - New Orleans, La. (attends Spelman College)  
Elijah Porter, II - Rex, Ga. (attends Fort Valley State University)  
Jessica Rae Pulver-Adell - Hollywood, Fla. (attends Broward College)  
Dashieil Radosti - Reston, Va. (attends American University)  
Nina Sorell - Apex, N.C. (attends North Carolina State University at Raleigh)  
Thomas Walker, IV - Red Oak, Texas (attends Alabama State University)  
Jasmine Washington - Yemassee, S.C. (attends University of South Carolina at Aiken)  
Ellen Westover - Sioux Center, Iowa (attends Dordt College)  
Takashi Yanagi - Urbandale, Iowa (attends University of Notre Dame)

To see the award winning essays and to learn more about the Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest, please visit

[www.regions.com/ridingforward](http://www.regions.com/ridingforward). Information about the 2015 contest will be available early next year.

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