Local students picked for Golden LEAF Foundation Scholarships

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK — North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) recently selected 215 winners as recipients of up to a $12,000 Golden LEAF Foundation Scholarship.

Each student was selected to receive a $3,000 scholarship each year for up to four years of study at a participating North Carolina college or university.

Recipients from rural, economically-distressed North Carolina counties are selected based on career and educational goals, a review of school and community service activities, length of residence in the county and expressed intent to contribute to the state’s rural communities upon graduation from college.

The Golden LEAF Foundation created the Golden LEAF Scholarship program to broaden educational opportunities and provide support to students from rural counties hoping that after graduation recipients will provide leadership in these communities.

“Golden LEAF is pleased to announce that 215 new Golden LEAF scholars from rural North Carolina have been chosen, out of more than 2,400 applicants,” said Dan Gerlach, Golden LEAF president.

Students receiving Golden LEAF Scholarships are also eligible to participate in the Golden LEAF Scholars Leadership Program. The optional program provides leadership training at the Center for Creative Leadership, paid internship opportunities in rural North Carolina communities and stipends up to $8,830 (for four years of participation) in addition to Golden LEAF Scholarship funding.

The following are area 2018-19 scholarship recipients, each listed with their high school and university:

- Lani Allred, Eastern Randolph High School, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
- Carlee Cagle, Asheboro High School, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
- Joshua Hodge, Wheatmore High School, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
- Saylor Wyand, Asheboro High School, Fayetteville State University.