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Citizens National Bank Awards Scholarship to Texas FFA Student

Local community financial institution supports Foundation's annual endowment

(AUSTIN, Texas) – January 9, 2023 – [Citizens National Bank](#), a Central Texas community financial institution, has awarded its second endowed scholarship to a deserving member in the Area 12 FFA Association. Through its \$25,000 gift donated last year to the [Texas FFA Foundation](#), Citizens National Bank will present one student from the local community annually with a \$1,000 scholarship.

Texas FFA Area 12 includes Bastrop, Bell, Brazos, Burleson, Falls, Lee, Milam, Robertson, Travis and Williamson, which intersects with Citizens National Bank's service area of eight Central Texas locations.

"We continue to see successful student leaders blossom in our community due to the education principles established by Texas FFA and are thrilled to continue to support their mission," said Steven Wise, president and CEO of Citizens National Bank. "Our local youth will be future entrepreneurs, teachers and even members of the Citizens National Bank family. We are proud to continue our partnership with Texas FFA and give back to our community."

Citizens National Bank frequently works with agriculture-focused organizations, most recently sponsoring the Special Edition program in partnership with the Williamson County Fair and Rodeo to promote agricultural awareness to special needs kids. The decision to partner with the Texas FFA Foundation was built on the premise of being purposeful with the bank's giving programs and making a larger impact in the local community.

"Thank you, Citizens National Bank for once again making an investment that will live in perpetuity for the students in the Area 12 FFA Association," said Aaron Alejandro, executive director of the Texas FFA Foundation. "Their generous support will give back to the local community and provide yet another opportunity for students to develop their potential for personal growth, career success and leadership in a global marketplace."

"We are honored to be on the receiving end of this generous donation from Citizens National Bank and it truly shows their mission of supporting their local community," said Area 12 Coordinator, Jack Winterrowd. "This endowment will directly support students to grow their agricultural knowledge, professional skills and will in turn, create a new generation of leaders in our area."

The Texas FFA Foundation partners with sponsors to provide financial assistance for deserving Texas FFA students, with scholarships ranging from \$1,000 - \$20,000. Thanks to the generous support of sponsors like Citizens National Bank, the Texas FFA Foundation is able to have a positive impact on over 156,363 Texas FFA members and increase the more than \$2.3 million in scholarships the Foundation awards annually.

“Today’s Texas FFA member is far more exposed to the multi-faceted world of Agriculture. Be it horticulture, agri-business, production agriculture or communications, students can select their particular interest and excel through a program that rewards honest effort and hard work. One of the greatest contributions Texas FFA makes to each student is the exposure to leadership,” said Cedar Park Branch President, PSO and 1st FFA VP 1983/84, Jeff Baker. “Students learn how to conduct meetings properly and gain confidence in expressing their thoughts and ideas to others. The Texas FFA has masterfully adapted the organization and its programs to reflect the ever-changing dynamic of agriculture while maintaining a rich tradition of teaching leadership and self-confidence.”

About The Texas FFA Foundation

The Texas FFA Foundation’s purpose is to strengthen agricultural education and the Texas FFA program, so each student can develop their potential for personal growth, career success and leadership in a global marketplace. The foundation has established relationships with key sponsors and individuals to help make countless dreams come true and widen the doors of opportunity for more than 156,363 members statewide.

About Citizens National Bank

We are a \$600 million in assets community financial institution and have been proudly serving Central Texas since 1900. That experience is what sets Citizens National Bank apart. A Cameron, TX based financial institution with eight branches across Central Texas including Milam, Lee, Williamson, Travis, and Bell counties. From Cameron to Cedar Park and several towns in between, we know and are active in each of our communities, making us better able to meet the banking needs of the communities we serve. Additional information can be found at cnbanktexas.com.

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