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**OFFICER MOATS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

MARYVILLE, TN – Officer Moats Foundation is honored to announce the 2020 recipients of the third annual Kenny R Moats Scholarship. The Foundation has named two students to receive the Kenny R Moats scholarship for continuing education. Each recipient will receive a one-time award of \$1,156 for educational expenses at the college, university, trade school or non-traditional higher education program of their choice.

The 2020 award winners are:

Mazilyn Collins – Daughter of Shane Collins with the Maryville Police Department. Mazilyn is a graduate of Maryville High School and will be pursuing a career in Exercise Science.

Clara McKinnis – Daughter of Matt McKinnis with the Blount County Sheriffs Office. Clara is a graduate of Maryville High School and will be pursuing a career in International Relations.

All applicants were required to be the dependent child of a First Responder (Law Enforcement, Fire or Ambulance). Along with traditional scholarship application questions, the students had to write a personal essay which included an explanation of how their parent’s First Responder career played a role in their life.

The Officer Moats Foundation is a 501C3 nonprofit organization created in memory of fallen MPD officer Kenny R Moats, who gave his life in the line of duty August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The amount of the scholarship award is significant as it represents Officer Moats’ badge number 156.

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