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OFFICER MOATS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SIX SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

MARYVILLE, TN – Officer Moats Foundation is honored to announce the 2021 recipients of the fourth annual Kenny R Moats Scholarship. The Foundation has named six 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 2021 scholarship award recipients are:

- Sean Burchfield – Son of Captain Jeff Burchfield, BCSO. Sean is a graduate of Maryville High School and plans of pursuing a medical career in orthopedics.
- Sydney Millsaps – Daughter of Officer Sherry Casey, BCSO. Sydney is a graduate of Heritage High School and plans on pursuing a career in nursing.
- Ethan Murray – Son of Sergeant Randy Murray, Kingsport PD. Ethan is a graduate of Dobyns Bennett High School and plans on pursuing a career in biomedical engineering.
- Makinley Perkins – Daughter of Sergeant Gary Perkins, BCSO. Makinley is a graduate of Alcoa High School and plans on pursuing a career in nursing.
- Grayson Simpson – Daughter of Lieutenant Chad Simpson, Maryville PD. Grayson is a graduate of Oak Ridge High School and plans on pursuing a law degree.
- McKenzie Wilburn – Daughter of Lieutenant Danny Wilburn, BCSO. McKenzie is a graduate of Alcoa High School and plans on pursuing a career in education.

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 25th, 2016. The amount of the scholarship award is significant as it represents Officer Moats' badge number 156. For more information visit online at www.OfficerMoatsFoundation.org

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