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Foundation Announces Initial Winners for 2025-2026

The Mary John Goree Las Animas County Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the four initial winners of the Mary John Goree Las Animas County Scholarship for 2025-2026:

Cadence Doering	Hoehne High School
Eva Sage McGill	Hawaii Preparatory Academy (resident of Aguilar, CO)
Brice Phelps	Hoehne High School
Mason Riddle	Branson High School
Serenity Samora	Trinidad High School
Holly Ward	Des Moines (N.M.) High School (resident of Branson, CO)

According to Foundation president, David J. Vandermeulen, “In designating these six exceptional students as initial winners out of a very strong group of finalists, the board of directors of the Foundation is recognizing their many academic and personal accomplishments during their high school years and expressing its confidence that they will continue to pursue academic excellence in their future education.”

The Foundation will finalize the class after May 4, which is the deadline for the initial winners to accept or decline the Foundation’s offer of a scholarship.

The Mary John Goree Las Animas County Scholarship offers Las Animas County residents a guaranteed minimum award that will meet or exceed full tuition and fees and can be used at any four-year college or university in the United States (other than Princeton University, where a separate scholarship is available for Las Animas County residents). Additional information about the Scholarship, including the eligibility requirements, may be obtained by contacting David Vandermeulen at the email address above or visiting the Foundation’s website at www.goreescholarship.org.