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Education

Knowledge of state earns college money for students

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Five Gore High School students have each earned a \$1,000 cash scholarship or tuition grant because of their high score on an April 5 exam about Oklahoma's history and its people.

The test was part of the Oklahoma Heritage Association's annual scholarship competition, which provides more than \$400,000 in cash scholarships and tuition grants to high test scorers in each county in Oklahoma. This year 120 students were awarded the scholarships and tuition grants.

Sequoyah County scholarship recipients, who were all Gore High School students, include:

- Brenton Mannon, 12th-grade student, \$1,000 tuition grant to Carl Albert State College in Poteau
- Jennifer Harper, 12th-grade student, \$1,000 tuition grant to Oklahoma City University
- James Clack, 11th grader, \$1,000 tuition grant to Connors State College in Warner
- Nicholas Murray, 9th-grade student; \$1,000 cash scholarship funded by Herman and LaDonna Meinders in Oklahoma City
- Tashua Risley, 10th-grade student, \$1,000 tuition grant to



Oklahoma
Christian
University in
Oklahoma City

"This program is designed to reward Oklahoma students who have taken an interest in the rich history of our great state," Shannon Nance, Oklahoma Heritage Association president, said. "It also encourages Oklahoma students to stay in state to attend college and hopefully remain here to live and work after receiving their degrees."

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Individual donors and Oklahoma colleges and universities provide the cash scholarships and tuition grants in the counties of their choice. Both Oklahoma City University and Oklahoma Christian University have made tuition waivers available in all 77 counties.

For more information about the Oklahoma Heritage Association's scholarship program, visit www.oklahomaheritage.com or call (405) 235-4458.

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