



ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2024
FROM: Councilwoman Susy Diaz, Chair, Education Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: 2024 Educational Scholarship Award Winners

BACKGROUND

The city’s Educational Scholarship Program provides for ten (10) \$1,500 scholarships, with one awarded to an outstanding athlete in honor of former city employee Denise Padgett, and one awarded in memory of former Councilmember Norman Rose.

ANALYSIS

This year 20 applications were received with 15 being qualified for interviews. The interviews were conducted in the City Council Chambers, on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 by the members of the city’s Education Advisory Committee. The Committee interviewed all 15 eligible students, with two (2) done virtually. The committee ranked the following students as recipients of the top ten (10) 2024 Educational Scholarship awards.

2024 Scholarship Awards	Applicant	School/College Affiliation
Denise Padgett Memorial Scholarship Award \$1,500 Scholarship Award	Herman Velasquez- Romero	Boynton Beach Community H.S.
Norman Rose Memorial Scholarship Award \$1,500 Scholarship Award	Amy Martinez-Diaz	John I. Leonard
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Minooka Bureau	Cardinal Newman
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Brandon Butzberger	Palm Beach Atlantic
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Sarah Cruz	John I. Leonard
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Bryanne Elie	Santaluces H.S.
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Renaud Rene Felix Jr.	Suncoast H.S.
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Aryanna Paulena	John I. Leonard
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Shania A. Ramsaroop	Atlantic Community H.S.
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Rocio Usuamintiaga	John I. Leonard H.S.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Funding for the ten (10) scholarships totaling \$15,000 was approved and appropriated in the FY2024 City Council budget (\$9,000) and Community & Recreation Services budget (\$6,000).

LEGAL

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the ratification of the Scholarship Committee’s recommendation for the 10 educational scholarship recipients selected and ranked on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as presented. Furthermore, the Award Certificates shall be presented to the recipients when they are recognized during the June 17, 2024 City Council meeting.