



ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2023

FROM: Councilwoman Susy Diaz, Chair, Educational Scholarship Committee

SUBJECT: 2023 Educational Scholarship Award Winners

BACKGROUND

The 2023 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 25 applications were received with 18 being qualified for interviews. The interviews were conducted in the City Council Chambers, on Thursday, April 27, 2023. The Committee interviewed all 18 eligible students, and ranked the following as the top ten (10) applicants as the 2023 Educational Scholarship award recipients:

2023 Scholarship Awards	Applicant	School/College Affiliation
Denise Padgett Memorial Scholarship Award \$1,500 Scholarship Award	Kensley Clarke	Lake Worth High School
Norman Rose Memorial Scholarship Award \$1,500 Scholarship Award	Ashley Resendiz- Gonzalez	John I. Leonard High School
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Nathaniel Barrow	Palm Beach State College
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Dehlila Batista	Palm Beach Central High School
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Mario A. Daley	John I. Leonard High School
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Ashley Martinez-Diaz	John I. Leonard High School
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Luciana Fabrega	Jupiter Christian School
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Laith Hilo	Santaluces Community High School
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Camilla M. Rubi	Suncoast High School
\$1,500 Scholarship Award	Gianna Williams	Palm Beach Gardens High School

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Funding for ten (10) scholarships totaling \$15,000 was approved and appropriated in the FY2023 City Council budget (\$9,000) and Community & Recreation Services budget (\$6,000).

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N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the ratification of the Scholarship Committee's recommendation for the ten (10) educational scholarship recipients selected and ranked on Thursday, April 27, 2023 as presented. Furthermore, the Award Certificates shall be presented to the recipients as they are recognized during the May 15, 2023 City Council meeting.