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**MASSACHUSETTS BANKERS ASSOCIATION
 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION GRANTS**

BOSTON, Jan. 2, 2018 – The Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) Scholarship Foundation has awarded four \$2,000 college scholarships to the children of eligible bank employees. The Foundation also provided four "Honorable Mention" awards.

The MBA Scholarship Foundation Awards are open annually to entering-college freshmen who are the children of MBA-member bank employees. The foundation reviewed more than 50 applications and chose four recipients to receive the \$2,000 awards. In addition to submitting G.P.A., SAT, ACT scores, and extra-curricular activities, the entrants were required to answer an essay question.

"The applicants were a fine group of young people," said Daniel J. Forte, president & CEO of the MBA. "The four scholarship recipients and the four honorable mention students who wrote great essays should all be very proud, there was a lot of tough competition."

All of the recipients follow:

Scholarship Award Recipients:

Student	College	Parent	Bank
Michelle Downey Reading, MA	Bentley University	Christine Downey	Northern Bank & Trust Co. Woburn
Katherine Esten Somerset, MA	UMass Amherst	Brian Esten	BankNewport
Lauren Bouvier Blackstone, MA	UMass Amherst	Dandi Bouvier Cohen	Middlesex Savings Bank Natick
Stephen Zenack Winchester, MA	Rensselaer Polytech	Lisa Zenack	Bridgewater Savings Bank

The Honorable Mention Recipients:

Emily Murrin
Haverhill, MA
(PARENT: Kristin Murrin – Institution for Savings, Newburyport)

Jackson Maffeo
Canton, MA
(PARENT: Nicholas Maffeo – Canton Co-operative Bank)

Drew Moyer
Medford, MA
(PARENT: Nancy Moyer – Winchester Savings Bank)

Daniel Kenney
North Andover, MA
(PARENT: Francis Kenney - Northern Bank & Trust, Woburn)

The Massachusetts Bankers Association represents approximately 150 commercial, savings and co-operative banks and savings and loan associations, with 69,000 employees located in Massachusetts and elsewhere in New England.

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Note to Editors: Photos of the four scholarship recipients receiving their awards are available upon request.

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