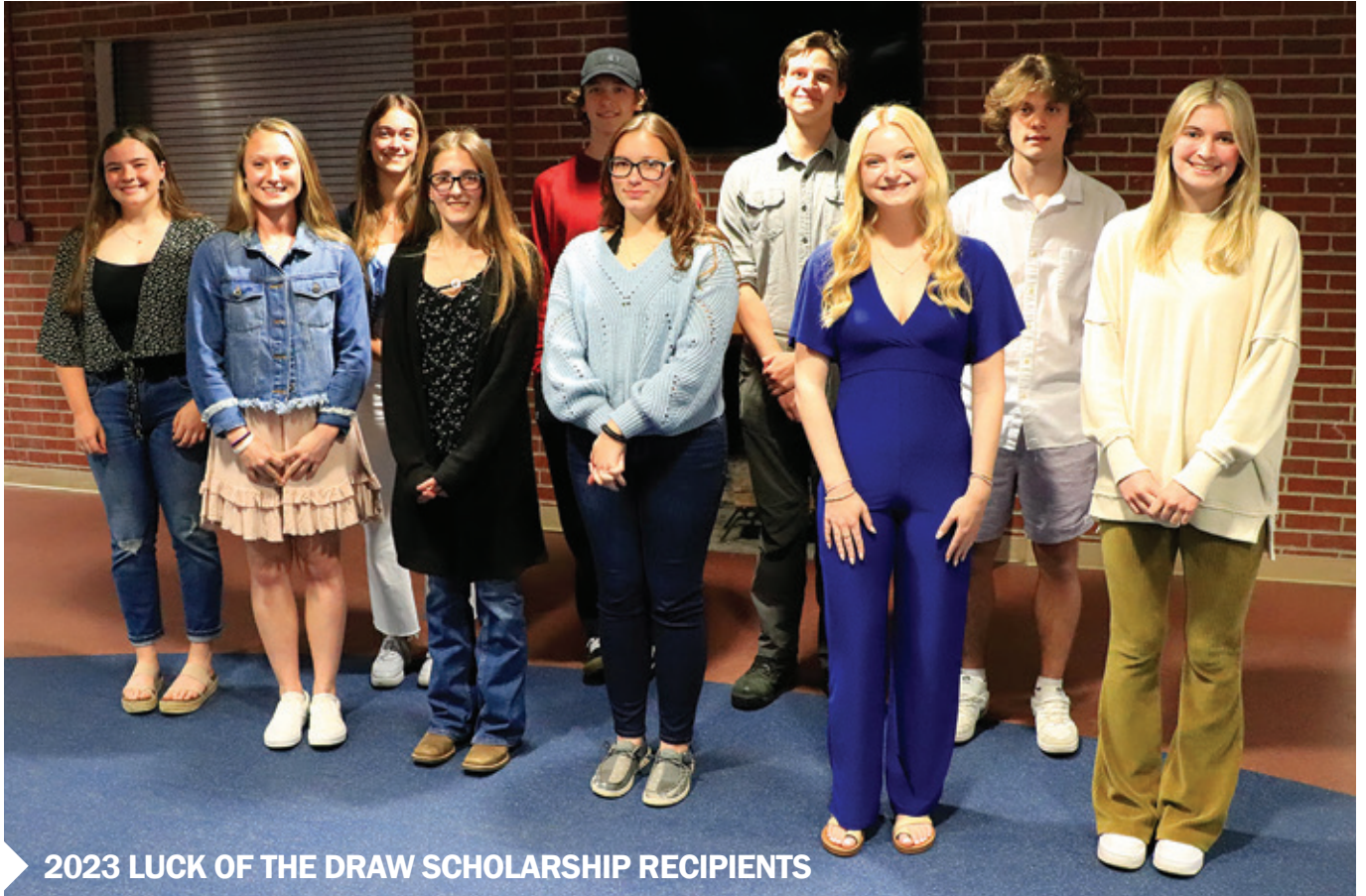


# Supporting the Future Generation

## Over \$30,000 in scholarships awarded to members

We are committed to providing opportunities for our local students across the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Choptank Electric Cooperative, with the Choptank Electric Trust Board and the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, awarded 22 scholarships totaling over \$30,000 to students attending college or university in the fall of 2023.



Choptank Electric's Luck of the Draw scholarship winners were randomly selected from those who applied and attended the Annual Meeting on April 27. Winners of the \$1,000 scholarship included: (Right to left) **Delaney Bennett** of Wicomico County, **Blaire Smith** of Wicomico County, **Emilie Schanken** of Dorchester County, **Gunnar Hoffman** of Caroline County, **Ashton Elzey** of Dorchester County, **Drew Swanger** of Wicomico County, **Emma Duff** of Cecil County, **Catherine Cronan** of Talbot County, **Kai Kelly** of Talbot County and **Kinley Elliott** of Caroline County.

**THE VMDAEC \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP** was awarded to three Choptank Electric Cooperative students this year. The recipients are:

**1. Macy Cook** of Talbot County, homeschooled, attending University of Mount Olive. **2. Rina Dirickson** of Worcester County, Stephen Decatur High School, attending Johns Hopkins University. **3. Justin Hurney** of Worcester County, Snow Hill High School, attending West Virginia University.

Keep an eye out this fall for information on our 2024 scholarship opportunities at [www.choptankelectric.coop/scholarships](http://www.choptankelectric.coop/scholarships).





**JADON COOK**

Talbot County, Homeschooled  
College: University of Mount Olive  
Major: Plant Science



**MACY COOK**

Talbot County, Homeschooled  
College: University of Mount Olive  
Major: Business Administration



**EMILY CROSSLEY**

Queen Anne's County High School  
College: West Virginia University  
Major: Agriculture Education



**RINA DIRICKSON**

Stephen Decatur High School  
College: Johns Hopkins University  
Major: Neuroscience & Biophysics

**Each receiving  
\$2,000 to further their  
continued education,  
these are the 2023  
Choptank Electric  
Trust Scholarship  
Winners!**



**KAITLYN EATON**

North Caroline High School  
College: UMES  
Major: Clinical Exercise Science



**ASHTON ELZEY**

Cambridge S. Dorchester High School  
College: Virginia Commonwealth Univ.  
Major: Medical Laboratory Sciences



**ZACHARY GORSUCH**

Cambridge S. Dorchester High School  
College: Wilkes University  
Major: Mechanical Engineering



**EMILIE SCHANKEN**

North Dorchester High School  
College: DE Technical Comm. College  
Major: Medical Sonography



**KAITLIN SCHLESNER**

North Caroline High School  
College: University of Maryland  
Major: Early Childhood Education



**JOANNA SCHOONOVER**

Colonel Richardson High School  
College: Shepherd University  
Major: Historical Preservation



**LYDIA YATES**

Cambridge S. Dorchester High School  
College: Stevenson University  
Major: Biology/Premed