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Nebraska American Legion Selects Maynard Jensen Memorial Scholarships

(Lincoln) April 21, 2021 – The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, selected twenty recipients of the Maynard Jensen Scholarship. The Maynard Jensen scholarship began in 1989 as “The American Legion Scholarship” and it was renamed in 1992 in memory of Past Department Commander Maynard Jensen of Aurora.

Jensen was a World War II Navy Veteran who served in the invasion of Normandy and then in Southern France. He served as the Nebraska American Legion Department Commander from 1971-72. Jensen also served on numerous Department Committees within The American Legion.

For the 33rd consecutive year, the Nebraska American Legion has done its part in helping Nebraska students with scholarship money.

The recipients of \$500 scholarships are Jaya Nelson of Bassett; Trey Lamkins of Union; Kiara Mikkelsen of Superior; Brooklyn Kohmetscher of Lawrence; Audra Nolting of Bancroft; Calyn Laible of Merna; Kaden Wykert of Sutherland; Kinlee Bacon of Bancroft; Kati Topp of Winside; Jared Fox of Paxton; Charlotte Turner of Omaha; Kassidy Hoerle of Amelia; Olivia Gottula of Burchard; Madison Spatz of Brainard; Zackry Henke of Dalton; Kylie Meinke of Crete; Kelby Mumm of Hebron; Rebecca Hupp of O’Neill; Carin Mellick of Waterbury; and Kylee Lehmkuhler of Arnold.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans’ benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today’s armed forces.

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