

# NFFE News



## NFFE Family Members Win Scholarships to Pursue Higher Education

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Two NFFE family members, MacKenzie Carter and Jacob Bandy, have received college scholarships through the FEEA (Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund) Scholarship program open to NFFE members as a part of their regular membership.

MacKenzie Carter (pictured) will be attending Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. She will be studying Biology on a Pre-Medical track with the goal of becoming a Pediatrician. MacKenzie enjoys going to church, as well as sharing good moments with her friends and family.



"MacKenzie is a very intelligent and resilient young lady," says Germaine Carter, MacKenzie's mother. "Throughout her years in school, she has exemplified that of someone who, despite trials, can excel, as we witnessed in her completion of high school as an honor student in the top 10% of her class. MacKenzie is an extraordinary person and student willing to not only work to achieve her goals and dreams but also willing to help her fellow classmates excel as well."

Germaine is a Registered Nurse at the Department of Veterans Affairs of New Orleans and a member of NFFE Local 1904. On receiving a NFFE scholarship, she says, "I am very appreciative of NFFE providing the opportunity for its members to sponsor students for the scholarship. There are students who are in need of assistance and showing them that we as sponsors and members of NFFE see their academic accomplishments and giving them accolades in the form of a scholarship is wonderful. It gives students the incentive they need to keep pushing and striving to do better academically."

Jacob Bandy, whose father Jody is a NFFE member, will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he will be studying Biochemistry as well as Music Performance. Jacob also hopes to further his education by obtaining a post-graduate degree in a medical field so that he can "continue to lead and change people's lives."

In existence since 1986, FEEA has offered scholarships to more than 10,000 individuals, including special scholarships to the children of federal civilian employees who died or were severely injured in the line of duty. Collectively, FEEA to date totals over \$14 million in scholarships and champions the pursuit of higher education. Each year FEEA supports over 200 students with merit-based scholarships ranging between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

Dave Stamey, NFFE Secretary-Treasurer and FEEA Board Member, stated "We are very proud of our NFFE-FEEA scholarship winners and excited to see the significant contributions they will make in the community, both during and after attending college. The NFFE-FEEA partnership is known more for helping NFFE families get through hard times through our financial support programs. We are less known for our proactive scholarship work, which makes celebrating the academic achievements of MacKenzie and Jacob that much better. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors!"