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**Blanford Awarded with $1,000 Scholarship from *WEST*consin Credit Union**

**Spring Valley, WI—***WEST*consin Credit Union, an advocate for education, has recently awarded thirteen $1,000 scholarships to area high school seniors as part of the *WEST*consin Scholarship Program. Recipients were selected based on a variety of criteria including community and school involvement, academic progress, financial need, career plans, and goals.

Anna Blanford, Elmwood High School graduate, was the chosen scholarship recipient from the Spring Valley area. Blanford will use the money to help fund her post-secondary education plans at either University of Wisconsin-Stout or University of Central Florida, where she will likely be studying Hospitality and Tourism.

For over 24 years, *WEST*consin has distributed over $309,000 to help support the higher education goals of area students. Scholarships are awarded annually to youth members from communities served by *WEST*consin offices.

*WEST*consin Credit Union has been serving members since 1939, and membership is open to anyone who lives or works in the Wisconsin counties of Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Taylor, Trempealeau, and Washburn, or the Minnesota counties of Anoka, Chisago, Dakota, Goodhue, Isanti, Ramsey, Wabasha, and Washington, with a $5 minimum deposit in a Membership Savings Account. Credit unions are financial institutions owned by their accountholders, and member funds are federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) up to at least $250,000.

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**Cutline Information:**

Anna Blanford of Elmwood High School is one of thirteen students selected to receive a $1,000 scholarship from *WEST*consin Credit Union.