

**Douglas Cherokee Economic Authority's
Educational Opportunity Center
2016 Scholarship Award Winners**

The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) recently held its 2016 scholarship competition and awarded scholarships to eight very deserving students. The scholarships were made possible by the generosity of the following: Claiborne County: Commercial Bank, England Inc.; Cocke County: Downtown Hartford Citgo, Newport Lions Club, Newport Utilities, Blue Ridge Veterinary Services, Inc.; Grainger County: Holts IGA, Norris Homes; Hamblen County: Andrew Johnson Bank, Morristown Utilities; and Monroe County: Fort Loudon Electric Cooperative.

To compete, EOC participants complete an application; submit two letters of professional reference and an essay which was review by the scholarship committee. This year's EOC Scholarship Recipients received a \$300 scholarship and the winners were: Cocke County: Kinsley Ford (ETSU), Kaitlyn Gregg (WSCC), Teresa O'Pry (Western Governors Univ.); Hamblen County: Lewis Burke IV (WSCC), Miranda Horne (WSCC); Jefferson County: Amy Escobar (Milligan College), Juana Large (King Univ.); and Monroe County; Vicki Bivens (CSCC).

EOC would like to extend special thanks to the area persons and businesses that donated to the EOC Scholarship Fund, and to offer congratulations to our winners!