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SUBJECT: HIF 1ST EVER SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT AWARD WINNERS

We are pleased to announce that the recipients of Homeschool Iowa Foundation's 2025 Scholarship & Grant Awards are Wyatt Winters of New Liberty, Iowa and Skye Long of Moorland, Iowa.

Wyatt Winters was awarded \$150 for his Testimony Essay which began with "Love God. Love People." In Wyatt's statement of faith, he described how God has used his parents, homeschooling, the church, the Word, and song writing to strengthen his faith in Christ. He described the good works flowing from that faith including respect for those who lead and teach, personal responsibility, and using his gifts in music on the worship team. Wyatt expressed his interest in finding new ways to serve such as joining a mission trip and helping share the gospel. The son of Brian and Stephanie Winters, Wyatt has been homeschooled since the fourth grade. Now age 17 he writes that, "homeschooling has played a major role in helping me walk worthy in Christ."

Skye Long was awarded \$650 for her Testimony Essay (\$150) and Project Essay (\$500). In her Testimony Essay Skye wrote of her placement into foster care as an infant, where she met her forever Christian parents, David and Billy long. Adopted at the age of two and now 13, Skye writes that "Jesus changed my life, and I want to help others' lives." As a daughter of the King, Skye wants to share Jesus while doing gardening which she loves. In her Project Essay Skye described her plans to expand upon the family garden, having a plot of her own from which to deliver produce to the YMCA and the Beacon of Hope once a week this coming Summer. Two verses she intends to include in each produce box are Genesis 1:29 "Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant . . . [to] be yours for food.'" And Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Congratulations to Wyatt and Skye! You are an inspiration to others to be a part of something bigger - a movement of young believers doing good in Iowa! Continue walking worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God - Colossians 1:10.

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