



Congratulates our 2025



Scholarship Recipients

&

State Leadership Award Recipients



State Leadership Awards



Barret Leviner

South Carolina Department of Education

Office of Federal and State
Accountability
Team Lead





Karen McMakin

Spartanburg District Five Schools

*Director of Federal and Gifted
Programs*





Scholarship Award Winners



Region 1

**Berkeley, Beaufort,
Charleston, Colleton,
Dorchester, Hampton, &
Jasper Counties**



Sydney Driggers

Hampton County High School

Hampton School District

Attending

Technical College of
the Midlands

Majoring in Physical Therapy

1st Place





Isabella Brown

Berkeley Middle College
Berkeley County Schools

Attending
Trident Technical
College
Majoring in Nursing

2nd Place





Trystin Roberts

Whale Branch Early College
Beaufort County Schools

Attending
University of South Carolina
Majoring in Sports Media

3rd Place





Region 2

**Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg,
Barnwell, Calhoun,
Lexington, Orangeburg, &
Richland Counties**





1st Place

Taniya Keller

Columbia High School
Richland One School District

Attending
Johnson C. Smith University
Majoring in Psychology





Lawrence Valdez

Midland Valley High School
Aiken County School District

Attending
Clemson University
Majoring in Electrical Engineering

2nd Place





Katlynn Cramer

Denmark-Olar High School
Bamberg County School District 2

Attending
University of South
Carolina
Majoring in Computer Science

3rd Place





Region 3

**Abbeville, Anderson,
Edgefield, Greenwood,
McCormick, Oconee,
Pickens, & Saluda
Counties**





Emma Grace Vernon

Crescent High School
Anderson School District 3

Attending
Charleston Southern
University
Majoring in Elementary Education

1st Place





Johana Busto Unzueta

Ware Shoals High School
Greenwood School District 51

Attending
Greenville Technical College
Major TBD

2nd Place





Alexus Leigh Welborn

Dixie High School
Abbeville County School District

Attending
Lander University
Majoring in Nursing

3rd Place





Region 4

**Cherokee, Greenville,
Newberry, Spartanburg,
Laurens, & Union
Counties**

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Zekiah Jeter

Newberry High School
School District of Newberry County

Attending
University of South
Carolina, Upstate
Majoring in Nursing

1st Place





Jackson Demumbreum

Byrnes High School
Spartanburg District Five

Attending
North Greenville
University
Majoring in Math & Engineering

2nd Place





Kaitlyn Moore

Boiling Springs High School
Spartanburg County School District 2

Attending
University of South
Carolina Upstate
Majoring in Early Childhood Education

3rd Place





Region 5

**Chester, Chesterfield,
Kershaw, Lancaster, York,
& Fairfield Counties**





Kensley Green

Fairfield Central High School
Fairfield County School District

Attending

University of South
Carolina

Majoring in Biomedical Engineering

1st Place





Sarah Rochelean

Catawba Ridge High School

Fort Mill School District

Attending

Clemson University

Majoring in Biological Sciences

2nd Place





Daniel Williams

Central High School
Chesterfield County School District

Attending
Northeastern Technical
College
Majoring in Computer Technology

3rd Place





Region 6

**Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon,
Florence, Georgetown, Horry,
Lee, Marion, Marlboro,
Sumter, & Williamsburg
Counties**



1st Place

Cierra Fleming

Williamsburg High School
Williamsburg County School District

Attending
University of South
Carolina
Majoring in Civil Engineering





Messiah Brayboy- Singletary

Lake City Early College High School
Florence County School District Three

Attending
University of South Carolina
Majoring in Sports Broadcasting

2nd Place





Annabel Gage

Hartsville High School

Darlington County School District

Attending

Clemson University

Majoring in Education

3rd Place





Region 7

**Charter Institute at Erskine,
Limestone Charter
Association, & South Carolina
Public Charter School District**

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Emily Spinks

Fox Creek High School
SC Public Charter School District

Attending
Winthrop University
Majoring in Early Childhood Education

1st Place





Ashtyn Poston

Horse Creek Academy

Limestone Charter Association

Attending

Limestone University

Majoring in Nursing & Exercise Science

2nd Place





Mia Bush

Royal Live Oaks Academy
Charter Institute at Erskine

Attending
Columbia College
Majoring in Mathematics and Biology

3rd Place



Congratulations!

*NAFEPA Winner of the
Stanly McFarland Scholarship*



Lawrence Valdez

Midland Valley High School
Aiken County School District
Attending Clemson University
Majoring in Electrical Engineering

Leadership - In Lawrence's Words:

"I learned that being a leader isn't about having all the answers – it's about stepping up when others need you."

"He is a motivated, kind, and thoughtful individual who seeks to make a positive impact in every endeavor."

Natalie Fox, Midland Valley High School, School Counselor

