

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** May 27, 2025

SUBJECT: The Northeast Tarrant Teen Court Board will be recognizing the 2025 Teen Court Scholarship Recipients

PRESENTER: Mandi Sullins, Northeast Tarrant Teen Court Board Secretary

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Northeast Tarrant Teen Court (NETTC), serving the cities of North Richland Hills, Watauga, and Richland Hills, offers a scholarship program to recognize and reward graduating seniors who have volunteered in the Teen Court Program. This initiative, established by the NETTC Advisory Board with representatives from all three cities, invites public and teen contributions to support the dedication and commitment of these student volunteers. Scholarship applicants must satisfy several strict eligibility requirements, including a specified number of years of volunteer service, the quality of their submitted essay, their high school academic record as shown in their transcripts, a personal biography, and their performance in an interview with the Teen Court Advisory Board. This year, the Teen Court Board has the honor of presenting two scholarships, totaling \$4,500 to the following participants:

Larkin Hoberer will graduate from GLOS Academy (Homeschool). The board voted to award Larkin **\$2,500**. Larkin began volunteering in Teen Court in September 2022. She has served as a Juror and Teen Attorney throughout her service in Teen Court. Also, she proudly represented the Northeast Tarrant Teen Court at the Annual Teen Court Mock-Trial Competition in March 2025. She has an accomplished resume of extracurricular activities, awards and achievements and volunteer hours in the community. She will be attending Tarrant County College in pursuit of an Associate's Degree in Arts.

Samuel Martinez will graduate from Langosta Academy (Homeschool). The board voted to award Samuel **\$2,000**. Samuel began volunteering in Teen Court in October 2023 and served as a Juror and as a Teen Attorney. Also, Samuel exceptionally represented Northeast Tarrant Teen Court at the Annual Teen Court Mock-Trial Competition in March 2025. He has a remarkable list of awards and recognitions, extracurricular activities and certifications. He will be attending Patrick Henry College in Virginia in pursuit of a major in Government, with a concentration on political theory.

The Teen Court Advisory Board extends its sincere gratitude to the City Councils of all three cities for their ongoing support. Their commitment enables students to serve their



community while gaining valuable insights into the judicial system and its everyday impact.