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Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation Announces First MOScholars Awards

ST. LOUIS – The Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) today announced its first round of Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (MOScholars) awards.

With today's announcement, TTEF is the first MOScholars Educational Assistance Organization in Missouri to award scholarships that are privately funded by individual and corporate tax credit contributions. The program opened on July 1 for both applicants and donors.

"This is a great day for Missouri and students in the St. Louis region. I am grateful to the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation for their hard work to fund these scholarships and serve the children and families in their region who are seeking alternative education options," said Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick. "I look forward to continuing to work with them to ensure Missouri children and families are able to access education that meets their needs."

This initial cohort of MOScholars Empowerment Scholarship Accounts have been awarded to 24 scholars, including 15 students whose academic needs are being addressed through Individualized Education Programs (IEP). The scholarship awardees will enter grades K-12 this fall at 21 schools across the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and Jefferson County.

"The diversity of students and schools served by these scholarships is evidence that MOScholars perfectly aligns with the mission and vision of the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation," said TTEF Executive Director Julie Soffner. "Though we are deeply rooted in Catholic ideals, our overarching goal is to help children of all backgrounds achieve their potential through access to quality educational options." For more information about the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation and the organization's role in the MOScholars program, visit <u>https://ttef-stl.org/</u> or contact TTEF Executive Director Julie Scott Soffner at <u>juliesoffner@archstl.org</u> or 314.792.7621.

Schools the 24 scholars will attend (listed alphabetically):

- Academy of St. Louis Special Education (Manchester)
- Annunziata School Special Education (Ladue)
- Christ Community Lutheran School Bethlehem Campus (St. Louis)
- Good Shepherd Catholic School (Hillsboro)
- Holy Child Catholic School (Arnold)
- Holy Spirit Catholic School (Maryland Heights)
- Lutheran South High School (Affton)
- Miriam School and Learning Center (Webster Groves)
- Notre Dame High School (Lemay)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe School (Florissant)
- River Roads Lutheran School (St. Louis)
- Rosati-Kain High School (St. Louis)
- South City Catholic Academy (St. Louis)
- St. Ambrose Catholic School (St. Louis)
- St. Ann Catholic School (Normandy)
- St. Cletus School (St. Charles)
- St. John Vianney High School (Kirkwood)
- St. Mark Catholic School (Lemay)
- St. Mary's High School (St. Louis)
- St. Paul Catholic School (Fenton)
- St. Roch School (St. Louis)

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<u>The Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation</u> provides need-based scholarships to families in St. Louis and surrounding counties. Our work gives all children access to private and parochial elementary schools. Founded in 1991 as a 501(c)(3) organization by a concerned group of corporate and civic leaders, TTEF has grown into Missouri's largest elementary school scholarship organization, raising more than \$177 million from local and national funding sources.