

Burger King Scholars Program awards 15 Scholarships in Minnesota

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HAVE IT YOUR WAY® Foundation this week announced it has awarded over \$1,000,000 in scholarships to a total of 944 students nationwide as part of the ninth annual BURGER KING® Scholars Program. Among the winners are fifteen from Minnesota.

“It’s especially gratifying that the BURGER KING® Scholars Program can continue to offer financial support in this challenging economic environment and enable high-achieving, dedicated students to continue their education and pursuit of successful careers,” said HAVE IT YOUR WAY® Foundation’s Executive Director Ivette Diaz.

Created in memory of BURGER KING® co-founder, James W. McLamore, the BURGER KING® Scholars Program has awarded a total of 12,720 scholarships representing more than \$12.7 million since the program’s inception in 2000. Scholarship awards are intended to help students offset the cost of attending college or a post-secondary vocational/technical school. Students throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada are eligible for the scholarships.

Alina Colon, a student at Henry Sibley High School, West St. Paul, and Naitoh Kai and Binna Han, both of Armstrong High School in Plymouth, were among 12 Minnesota high school seniors awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the BURGER KING® Scholars program. They were selected based on their grade point average, work experience, financial need, extracurricular activities and community service.

Additionally, two Minnesota BURGER KING® student employees were awarded \$1,000 scholarships and one was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. These recipients are selected based on their academic achievements, financial need and community involvement. In addition, they must have worked for the company for at least one year. The \$5,000 scholarships are awarded to the top-ranked employees from around the country and are supported by the McLamore Family Foundation.

Scholarship funds come directly from the HAVE IT YOUR WAY® Foundation, company-owned and franchise BURGER KING® restaurants throughout the country that host a variety of fundraising activities in order to generate monies for scholarships each year.