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Media Release

Family Foundations continue critical support for Broken Hill students

Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) is continuing its commitment to supporting school leavers in Broken Hill NSW and is pleased to announce the three winners of \$7,000 each over the next three years.

The \$21,000 in scholarship funding has again been made possible by longstanding CEF supporters the McLean Foundation (Rob and Paula McLean), Eureka Benevolent Foundation (the family Foundation of Roger Massy-Greene and Belinda Hutchinson), and the Zagora Foundation (Leigh and Sue Clifford).

The three 2021 Broken Hill Scholarships are awarded to:

Kaitaia Clark – Bachelor of Arts, University of New England (UNE) – Eureka Benevolent Foundation

Kelsie Mitchell – Bachelor of Engineering (honours) Quantum, University of New South Wales (UNSW) – McLean Foundation

Rogan Turner – Bachelor of Justice Studies and Policing, University of Canberra (UC) – Zagora Foundation

CEF CEO Juliet Petersen is thrilled to see these partnerships continue to benefit isolated, rural and regional young students (16-25) with such a meaningful contribution to their further education, particularly after the difficult circumstances during 2020.

“We are delighted that the three family foundations have decided to again support students from Broken Hill in 2021. Our staff were lucky to interview this year’s recipients face to face, and we know that they will be outstanding students and representatives for regional Australia and CEF, alongside the eight students already supported through this program.”

2020 McLean scholarship recipient, Thomson Fleming says: “Without the CEF scholarship, there is no way I would be able to attend university. The funds have helped me to purchase textbooks, stationery equipment, a laptop and equipment, pay for accommodation fees, food and other bills. I am forever grateful for being a recipient.”

For more than a decade, Rob and Paula McLean have been offering university scholarships to students from Broken Hill. “Kelsie is an outstanding young woman with an ambitious and exciting goal. The McLean Foundation is thrilled to be able to offer this scholarship support to her,” said Paula and Rob McLean.

“My first job after leaving university was as an engineer at the New Broken Hill Consolidated mine. Later, my employment at the NBHC mine was the basis of a scholarship from Rio Tinto to study at Harvard, so my years in Broken Hill provided a powerful understanding of the value of a university education. My daughters Ella and Sophie were born in Broken Hill, so as a family we are glad to be giving back to the city,” said Roger Massy-Greene.

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