



ACADIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Sheriff K.P. Gibson awards scholarship to college-bound teen

Sheriff K.P. Gibson announced that Eric Bedel of Acadia Parish has been named the recipient of an academic scholarship from the Louisiana Sheriffs' Scholarship Program for the 2016-2017 school year. He resides in Rayne and attends Notre Dame High School. He plans to attend McNeese State University and pursue Business as a field of study. His parents are Daniel and Cathleen Bedel.

Qualities such as academic achievement, leadership and character are considered in making selections of Sheriffs' scholarship recipients. The only limitations are that applicants be permanent residents of Louisiana; scholarships be utilized in higher education within the State; and students be enrolled as full-time, undergraduate students. Scholarships will be awarded in sixty-four parishes throughout the state.

"Tristan Mullins and Tori Hebert were named as alternates so that in the event the recipient is unable to take advantage of the scholarship award, the alternate (first and/or second) can do so," according to the Sheriff.

In closing Sheriff Gibson said, "Academic awards by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Scholarship Program to Louisiana students demonstrate what the LSHMP is all about. This is one of our finest accomplishments. It invests in Louisiana's future and gives something back to our community. This would not be possible without the kind and generous support of Acadia Parish's Honorary Members."