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my529 sponsors 10th annual Make Your Mark scholarship contest

Students create original designs, vie for \$1,000 college savings scholarships

(Salt Lake City) As Utah's educational savings plan, my529 strives to raise awareness statewide about the importance of investing for future college or technical school expenses. my529 has sponsored the Make Your Mark scholarship contest for the past 10 years, giving students the opportunity to transform their artwork into college savings.

The contest runs September 1 through September 30, 2019. UtahFutures, a career information system for students, is a co-sponsor.

Eight Utah students in kindergarten through grade 12 will each receive a \$1,000 college savings scholarship for their winning bookmark designs. In addition to the scholarship account, each winner may see their artwork professionally reproduced and distributed statewide at my529 events.

Gov. Gary Herbert has designated September as College Savings Month for the state of Utah, in conjunction with the national observation. my529 sponsors Make Your Mark each year to celebrate the occasion.

"Make Your Mark gives families a chance to talk about how they're preparing for college costs," said Lynne Ward, my529 executive director. "my529 is pleased to provide scholarship accounts for contest winners to help with those expenses. Over the 10 years, my529 has made more than \$85,000 in scholarships available to the entrants."

Utah students are eligible to enter if they are enrolled in a Utah school or are home-schooled. Their parents are not required to own a my529 account.

2016 winner Ali Hagen, now a Utah State University senior, used her Make Your Mark funds toward a degree in Business Administration and Marketing. "I am excited to participate in some extra programs because of my money saved with my scholarships," she said.

Hagen, who heads to London in December with the Huntsman Scholar business program, encourages students to "apply for everything" when it comes to scholarships. "You never know how many people will actually apply and it might surprise you the scholarships you actually earn."

Entrants must submit an original bookmark design on the official entry form found at my529.org. Address information and a complete set of contest rules and restrictions are detailed on the back of the official entry form. Only one entry per student is allowed. my529 will notify scholarship winners in mid-October. All decisions by the judges and my529 are final.

About my529

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