The Bill Nelson Scholarship Endowment (BNSE) has awarded four scholarships, each in the amount of $2,500. Recipients for the 2017 awards are: Natalie Carlson of Byron, Illinois; Morgan Conville, of Midland, North Carolina; Blake Mormon of Baltimore, Ohio; and Abigail Weber of Newburgh, Indiana (second-time winner).

Ms. Carlson graduated from Byron High School this year and plans to pursue studies in the STEM field at the University of Wisconsin. She aspires to be a dietician and help young people navigate their food difficulties. Ms. Carlson has volunteered countless hours in her community at the Northern Illinois Hospice and as a soccer and swim coach. Ms. Carlson’s father is employed by Blount International.

Ms. Conville is majoring in Spanish and K-12 Education at the University of North Carolina-Asheville. She tutors struggling high school Latino students and views teaching as the ultimate form of leadership. Ms. Conville’s father is employed by Husqvarna.

Mr. Mormon graduated from Liberty Union High School this year. He has been accepted into Ohio State University’s Engineering program, where he will study chemical engineering. Mr. Mormon has demonstrated leadership skills in numerous clubs and on his high school varsity track team. His father is employed by Rotary Corporation.

Ms. Weber is an Arts & Sciences undergraduate at Indiana University. She plans to become a wildlife biologist. During her freshman year, Ms. Weber has been an active member of IU’s Rosvall lab, the Dance Marathon public relations committee and the Outdoor Adventures program. Ms. Weber’s father is employed by Rotary Corporation.

The BNSE Trustees would like to extend their appreciation to all the outstanding scholarship applicants, and their affiliated OPEAA member companies.