

# FOUNDATION

The William R. and Billie Dean Buckles Endowed Scholarship was established in 2019 by Billie D. Buckles, a 1954 graduate of Coleman Public School. She is the author of "Changing Seasons," a moving account of a young girl, born into a poor but loving family in 1930s rural Oklahoma, who through hard work and faith, became a successful woman bank executive in the state of Oklahoma.

In a letter dated February 22, 2019, Buckles wrote the words of Benjamin Franklin, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

The Buckles Scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate financial need with a GPA greater than 2.75 and must be enrolled full-time. Preference is given to students from Coleman (Oklahoma) Public School.

The 2023-24 academic year recipient of the \$1,000 endowed scholarship is Mr. Cole Collins. Collins is a Coleman graduate with an intended major in Gunsmithing.

"I love to do things outside and enjoys woodworking," said Collins. "My love of working came from my Papa. He is my role

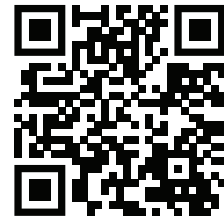
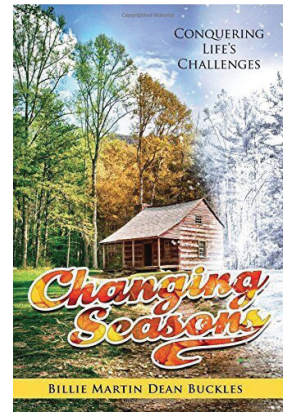


Cole Collins

"I didn't plan to go to college until I learned about the gunsmithing program," said Collins. "I appreciate the head start that's been afforded to me to pursue my education by the Buckles Scholarship. I hope the family knows how much this means to me and that their gift is being put to good use."

model and my favorite person in this world."

Collins is a freshman student and plans to go to work at a firearms manufacturer or repair shop, and then start his own business.



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## GIVE BACK PROGRAM

Each month, a portion of each retail purchase will go towards a specific Murray State scholarship and/or program.

Purchases can be made at Murray State's Murray on Main Stores (Ardmore and Tishomingo) or the Tishomingo campus bookstore.

The "Give Back" amount is shown under each month's item.

<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>SHOES</b>	<b>SHIRTS</b>	<b>JEANS/PANTS</b>	<b>BRACELETS</b>	<b>HOME DÉCOR</b>	<b>GREETING CARDS</b>
<b>(\$10)</b>	<b>(\$10)</b>	<b>(\$10)</b>	<b>(\$5)</b>	<b>(\$10)</b>	<b>(\$3)</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>		
<b>MURRAY STATE APPAREL/SUPPLIES</b>	<b>HATS/RINGS</b>	<b>SWEATERS</b>	<b>ALL ORANGE ITEMS</b>		
<b>(\$5)</b>	<b>(\$5)</b>	<b>(\$10)</b>	<b>(\$10)</b>		