

## Western Kentucky Youth Camp Announces 2021 Scholarship Winners

*(May 11, 2021) MARION, Ky. – High school seniors Elijah Boone and Mackenzie Welch were chosen for the awards.*

Western Kentucky Youth Camp announced today the winners of its scholarship award, which is given to campers who will attend a Christian institution of higher education in the fall of 2021. The scholarship award honors WKYC's mission of *building strong Christians* by supporting faith development in a Christ-centered environment. Elijah Boone of Paducah, KY and Mackenzie Welch of Mount Juliet, TN will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the camp.

“WKYC is dedicated to the development of our students into well-rounded Christians, and we had many excellent applicants who embodied that commitment. The selection process was very competitive,” said Vice President Dr. Landon Clark.

Upon graduation from McCracken County High School, Elijah Boone will attend Harding University, where he will study Bible and Music Education. He is a member of the Lone Oak church of Christ, and is the son of Jamey and Tammie Boone.

Mackenzie Welch will graduate from Wilson Central High School. After graduation, she will attend Faulkner University, where she will study Pre-Physical Therapy, and play softball. She attends Mount Juliet church of Christ. She is the daughter of Mike and Melissa Welch.

“Elijah and Mackenzie are wonderful representatives of WKYC. Their stories of how WKYC has impacted their faith and friendships capture why church camp is so important to our youth. Their leadership within their own communities and commitment to serving others really stood out to the Scholarship Committee,” noted Collin Fitzgerald, Board Treasurer.

Criteria for selection include involvement with WKYC as campers and volunteers, strong academic performance, participation in extracurricular activities, and strong, consistent involvement in their home congregations. Letters of recommendation are also considered. Finalists are selected after interviews with members of the Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of members of the Board of Directors, Advisory Board and staff. The scholarship award is only applicable to attendance at a college or university affiliated with the churches of Christ.

Scholarship applications for high school seniors graduating in 2022 will open next year. Visit [www.wkyc.org](http://www.wkyc.org) for more information on eligibility and deadlines.