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Two Tesoro high students win \$500 scholarships

Grads make list of Orange County Credit Union first winners.

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RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA – Two Tesoro High School graduates have won \$500 scholarships each from Orange County's Credit Union scholarship program.

Robert McLaughlin of Rancho Santa Margarita and Gabriella Hoffman of Coto de Caza each won the 2009 High School Scholarship Program, according to a credit union spokeswoman.

McLaughlin, 18, plans to attend Saddleback Community College, and Hoffman, 18, plans to attend UC San Diego.

Hoffman said she was overjoyed when she heard she'd won.

"It was rewarding and it was uplifting to win something and have others acknowledge my hard work and my efforts in the community," she said.

Judges ranked applicants on a number of criteria including extracurricular activities, references and academic performance.

Hoffman served as an executive volunteer for the charity group Meritage Elves, was a member of the Tesoro High School National Honor Society and volunteered for the Tesoro Working Wardrobes Club.

McLaughlin served as Chess Club Treasurer, volunteered as the Animal Rescue and Protection Club Secretary, worked the past presidential election as a poll worker and worked part time at the Alisos Animal Hospital.

For more information on the program go to **orangecountyscu.org**.

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