



CUTLINE: 2023 Hillsboro Elks Scholarship to Elena Pickering-Polstra  
Left to Right: Hillsboro Elks Trustee, Chad Fairley, SSCC President, Dr. Nicole Roades, Hillsboro Elks Board Chair, Dawson Barreras, Elena Pickering-Polstra, Hillsboro Elks Exalted Ruler, Ross Miller and Hillsboro Elks Secretary, Casey Basford

## Southern State awards Elks Scholarship to Elena Pickering-Polstra

The Hillsboro Elks Lodge and the Southern State Community College Foundation have announced Elena Pickering-Polstra as the 2023 recipient of the Hillsboro Elks Scholarship.

Elena is a 2023 graduate from Hillsboro High School and has been involved in activities with both the school and community, many related to theatre and the arts.

The \$1,000 Hillsboro Elks scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate financial need and who display a commitment to volunteerism and community service. Elena has participated in community events such as caroling during the holidays at a local hospital, helping at the Paxton Theatre for several summers to introduce school-age children to the arts, and participating in numerous school theatre productions.

“The Hillsboro Elks is proud to partner with Southern State and glad that a deserving student like Elena will be able to further her education with assistance from us,” said scholarship chairman Ritchie Butler.

To learn more about SSCC Foundation scholarship opportunities, please visit [www.sccc.edu/financialaid/scholarships.shtml](http://www.sccc.edu/financialaid/scholarships.shtml).

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