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Interviews were held Tuesday for the annual Chase County Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge trip, with six Chase County Schools students chosen.

Receiving the 80 percent Ray Stromberger Memorial Scholarship was Charlie Haarberg, son of Dirk and Elizabeth Haarberg. Receiving the 80 percent FFVF Scholarship was Tanner Stromberger, son of Bart and Sheila Stromberger.

Carolina Ramos, daughter of Jessie Murillo and Ramiro Ramos, was the 80 percent alternate. Those receiving 40 percent scholarships are Jakob Burke, son of Joel Burke and Sheri Burke; Jeff Banks, son of Richard Banks and Jacqueline Banks, and Shalee Bigham, daughter of Shawn Bigham and Shawna Bigham.

Judges for the interviews, which also included a written essay, were Jill Fiedler, Julie Gockley and Linsey Foote.

The Chase County Chapter sends high school students who qualify on the trip to the FFVF campus in Philadelphia, and then on to Washington, D.C. The purpose of the trip is to further education in patriotism and history.

This year the trip will be held from April 22-28.

The Chase County Chapter recently held a Christmas House and tour of homes as the main fundraiser for the trip scholarships and costs.

A total of \$2,060 was raised during the house and tour, with an additional \$500 raised through a raffle and \$200 donated.

Seventeen new members were signed up during the event.