

Centennial Bank Donates \$1 Million to Step Up For Students program

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Two Step Up scholars enjoy the chance to hold a \$1 million check from Centennial Bank / Special to the Democrat

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Students at the Seven Hills Academy off Thomasville Road spent some time today with representatives from Centennial Bank, who came to the school to present a \$1 million check for the Step Up For Students program.

Step Up For Students is a statewide program that provides scholarships for low-income families. There are about 1,450 schools participating in the program and about 40 students from Seven Hills utilize scholarships from Step Up.

"We are honored to have Centennial Bank's support," said Anne White, Step Up For Students vice president of operations. "We are thrilled that we are able to serve so many families this year, and we are able to do that because of the generosity of our corporate partners."

This year, Step Up For Students will serve about 50,000 students. Centennial's contribution this morning was its first and should provide about 220 scholarships.