

First-time Scholarship Winners for 2025-2026

Paityn Ness awarded \$4,000

Paityn Ness is the daughter of Stephen Ness, an employee of Moorhead Insurance located in Moorhead, Minnesota. Paityn will attend the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, Minnesota, pursuing a degree in Psychology and a minor in Leadership.



Claire Walecka awarded \$4,000

Claire Walecka is the daughter of Mark Walecka, an employee of Midwest Family Mutual Insurance Company working in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Claire will attend Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin. She plans to obtain degrees in both Athletic Training and Physical Therapy.



Finn Smith awarded \$4,000

Finn Smith is the grandson of Vikki Bell, an employee of Colorado West Insurance located in Grand Junction, Colorado. Finn will attend Colorado Mesa University located at Grand Junction, Colorado. He plans to study Business.



Katelyn Ullmann awarded \$4,000

Katelyn Ullman is the daughter of Shalome Ullman, an employee of Midwest Family Mutual Insurance Company. Katelyn plans to attend Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. She plans to study Applied Biological Sciences as a Pre-Veterinary student.



Gannon Smith awarded \$4,000

Gannon Smith is the grandson of Vikki Bell, an employee of Colorado West Insurance located in Grand Junction, Colorado. Gannon will attend Colorado Mesa University located at Grand Junction, Colorado. Gannon plans to obtain a degree in Psychology.



Joann Yoon awarded \$4,000

Joann Yoon is the daughter of Junghyun Yuh, an employee of Midwest Family Mutual Insurance Company. Joann will attend James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She is working to obtain a Masters of Physician Assistant Studies.



Mackenzie Lewis awarded \$3,500

Mackenzie Lewis is the daughter of Vanessa Swainston, an employee of SIAA-Midwest Insurance Agency Alliance located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Mackenzie is attending the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. She will study Nursing.



Logan Saenger awarded \$2,500

Logan Saenger is the son of Julie Saenger, an employee of Thomas Insurance Advisors, LLC, located in Chesterfield, Missouri. Logan is attending Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Logan plans to study Business.

