
VMCCA Foundation Scholarships

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This is Zack and I plan on using this scholarship to further my education in the career path I've chosen. I've chosen to study diesel mechanics and I've been studying for the three years now. I want to be a great mechanic one day and going to school at Del Mar College is one big step to making this happen. I am grateful to be chosen for this scholarship.

Zack Blanco



Thank you so much for the scholarship. This will greatly help some of the financial burden this year and allow me to focus on my academics. I am also a swimmer at University of North Texas which makes this opportunity even better as I can concentrate on competing for my university as well as my grades. Thanks again to VMCCA and especially BD Berryhill who is my great grandfather and a VMCCA member.

Kaity Carr



I am thankful for this VMCCA scholarship. My Grandparents, George and Norma Wreggit have been associated with the VMCCA for approximately 14 years. The scholarship will be used to help ease the financial burden for me and my family of tuition at George Fox University. I am pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. I hope to use my gifts and talents to contribute to our culture in a positive way, both now and after I graduate!

Riley Cowan





Brenden Owen is a Computer Science Software Engineering student at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California. Besides being a driven and diligent student, Brenden is a volunteer and instructor at non-profit organization SPARK Programming, teaching kids how to code. For his Eagle Scout project, he helped the National Foundation for Autism Research build out their technical training lab and instructed students on the autism spectrum how to code. Brenden is so grateful to the VMCCA members across the country! He will use this scholarship to pay for tuition. His grandparents, Linda and Larry Owen, have been members of the Valley Roadrunners chapter in Phoenix, Arizona, for over 10 years and have supported Brenden in his pursuit of higher education. Thank you.



I am a freshman at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. I am majoring in Mechanical Engineering. My grandpa, Michael Rowda has been a part of the Vintage Car Club of America, within the Grand Indiana Tour Chapter for five years now. He recommended I apply for the scholarship since we both have a deep love for classic cars. This VMCCA Foundation Scholarship will help pay for my college tuition.

Duncan Rowda



My name is Meagan Martin and I am from a small town located in the Oklahoma Panhandle. I am married and have a nine-month old daughter named Saylor Grace. My grandparents, James and Marlene Myers have been VMCCA members for nine years. I recently have received the VMCCA Scholarship which I am so thankful for as it will help with my tuition. I am attending Midland College and working on getting my degree in Health Information Management. Working in the medical field and helping

others has always been a dream of mine. Thanks to this scholarship, I have an opportunity to reach my goals!

Meagan Martin



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I'm a senior at Occidental College in Los Angeles studying economics and Spanish. I'm a captain of the varsity swim team and work on campus as a grader in the economics department. In my free time I love to go to the beach and explore LA. After graduation I hope to spend some time working in Spain and eventually attend law school!

Annika Moen lives in Denver, Colorado. VMCCA members, Jim and Judy Johnson of Rapid City, South Dakota are her grandparents.

Annika Moen



My name is McKaylee Prieto. My grandparents are James and Marlene Myers. They have been a part of the VMCCA for seven years. plan on attending the University of Central Oklahoma for a dual major in biology and forensic science. This scholarship will help me to pay my tuition in college.

McKaylee Prieto lives in Kenton, Oklahoma.

McKaylee Prieto



My name is Ethan Ward, I am the grandson of B.D. Berryhill. Presently I am a senior music education major at the University of Texas Permian Basin and will graduate in the fall semester of 2020. With my undergraduate degree I will be certified to teach Instrumental Music at any grade level K-12, my plan after graduation is to immediately begin my teaching career as a band director in either a Middle or High School. I do plan to attend graduate school for my Masters of Music with special emphasis in Ensemble Conducting!

Ethan Ward



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Joelle Marchiani received a \$1500 scholarship and is the granddaughter of Robert Wilson, a member of the Mid-Atlantic region VMCCA. She was born and raised in Delaware. At age ten she and her parents moved to Texas, but the rest of her family still remains in Delaware.

In May 2019, Joelle graduated with honors from Hawaii Pacific University with a Bachelors of Science in Marine Biology. She remained in Hawaii for the summer where she was awarded a National Institute and Standards of Technology fellowship. This Fall, she started graduate school at Northeastern University in Boston, where she is a Master's candidate in Marine Biology and is expected to graduate at the end of 2020. She is an active scientific SCUBA diver, and loves swimming, hiking, and is teaching herself Japanese.

However clichè I've always known what I wanted to do, and the type scientist I wanted to grow up to be, but it has only been with the love, support, and financial assistance from my family, and organizations such as VMCCA, that I'm ticking off my goals to do list with expediency and great joy! The financial burgeons places upon such a young person can seem insurmountable, when pursuing higher education, one has to balance not only how bad you want it, but is this even doable given the costs? It is though the generosity of donations towards organizations like VMCCA that enables achieving these goals far less difficult. While I have worked a part time job in addition to a full time schedule as a student fist, and often tandem with internship opportunities, this scholarship allows me to focus more on my lab work and establishing myself as an early career scientist rather than worrying about rising tuition expenses. I am extremely grateful to the donors, the committee, and my grandfather for sharing this information with me; I'm honored to be selected as a recipient- this scholarship makes such a big difference in helping me gain the necessary skills and knowledge needed in order for me to successfully gain work as a researcher. *Joelle*



My name is Erin Krachey. I live in a small rural town in Wisconsin. VMCCA members Mary and Gerald Krachey are my grandparents.

I am a Freshman at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh studying nursing. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and working out. After receiving my BSN, I plan on transferring to a school in Saint Paul, Minnesota to get my Neonatal specialty degree.



I am very grateful to have received the VMCCA Scholarship. I intend to use the scholarship towards tuition and books this year. This will definitely help take the stress of payments and help me focus more on academics and pursuing a career in Criminal Justice.