



**The Second of Thirteen**  
**Jonathan Paul**  
**2018 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipients**

Hello,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to receive the Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship. As an avid learner who eagerly takes every occasion and resource to enrich his learning, I am sure that I will use this generous gift to empower my studies and achieve my goals.

I was born in 1998 in Macau, China while my father was serving as a missionary and church planter. After five years of serving, my family moved to Hsinchu, Taiwan. After my father taught for a year at China Lutheran Seminary, we moved to St. Louis where my father started studying for his PhD in systematic theology. When I was six, I started learning the violin, which I continue to enjoy playing. While my father was writing his dissertation, we had the opportunity to move back to Taiwan, where he taught and served as a vacancy pastor for a church in Chiayi. After finishing his PhD, he received a call to Evansville, Indiana, where he started a Chinese mission congregation at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. After five years, my father received a call to return to Taiwan. Currently he serves as a theological educator, resource developer, and a mentor to the vicars of our partner church, the CELC.

I am currently a sophomore studying as a Mechanical Engineering major at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. The classes that I am currently taking include statics, linear algebra and differential equations, physics, and MatLab (A scripting language). Other activities that I am currently involved in include building a super-mileage racecar with the Society of Automotive Engineers, and learning to use different rapid prototyping machines, like the 3D printer. Over the past year, I have also had the opportunity to participate in a mechanical design project sponsored by Master Lock and an engineering internship at the Industrial Technology Research Institute in Taiwan. Although I have yet to decide which branch of mechanical engineering to pursue, I hope to use the gifts that God has given me to design and fabricate efficient mechanical systems.

Thank you so much for all your kindness and financial support!

In Christ,

Jonathan Paul