



**The Third of Thirteen**  
**Emil Clausing**  
**2018 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipients**

Dear LWML CNH,

I am overjoyed to hear that I have received the Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship. Thank you so much for your kind generosity! Being awarded this gift is a great blessing, giving me freedom to focus on my education and the future.

Please also accept my thanks for showing encouragement and aid to others like me—the children of missionaries who may find difficulty in adjusting to American life and customs, often in the absence of our parents who are still overseas, all while entering college in what is perhaps the biggest life change we have ever gone through. Your thoughtful support is truly a blessing from God!

My name is Emil Clausing, and as of me writing this I am preparing for the Fall semester of my freshman year at Concordia University Chicago.

I was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I lived in St. Peters, Missouri for most of my life until, in 2016, my family and I moved to spread the gospel in Kenya. We spent the first few months living in East Africa learning Swahili, the most commonly spoken language in that region. My family and I homeschooled through high school and the move to Kenya, so, apart from a few online classes, our wonderful mother has been our only teacher.

Living in Africa was the greatest experience of my life. I would not give it up for anything. The two countries we lived in, Kenya and Tanzania, are full of wonderful and kind people. It was amazing to encounter their culture and customs—once I even got to give a devotion to the children of a boarding school! East Africa is also a very beautiful place. The lonely majesty of Mt. Kenya, the massive hills and valleys of central Tanzania, and the perfectly warm blue waters of the Indian ocean, not to mention all the exquisite native wildlife—lions, zebras and many more—, are all testaments to the glory of their Creator. Even though I only saw a tiny portion of the land and its people, I will never forget living there.

As I enter the world of higher education, I hope to pursue a career in animation. I love to draw, design, and tell stories, and so the classes I will be taking this year include Intro to Visual Arts, Cartooning, and Characterization.

Again, a great big thank you for your great work and encouragement!

In Christ,  
Emil Clausing