



The Ninth of Thirteen Autumn Mahlburg 2018 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipients

My name is Autumn Mahlburg and I was born September 13, 1999 at my Dad's first congregation, St. Luke's in Clinton Township, Michigan. However, I spent most of my life at my Dad's second congregation, Zion in Tawas City, on the east side of Michigan. In 2014 my Dad made the decision to become a missionary. Three years later, in 2017, we moved overseas to Sri Lanka.

There my Dad is the English speaking pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Colombo. He also regularly travels up into the mountains to visit thirteen other congregations of the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), one of which is on a rubber plantation and the rest are on tea plantations. There, with the help of an interpreter until my father becomes fluent in Tamil, he will preach and hold Bible studies. I lived in Colombo with my family for a little over a year before I moved back to Michigan to attend Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University (KCAD of FSU) in Grand Rapids. Just before moving back I designed the official logo for the CELC using Luther's seal and Sri Lanka's national flower, the blue water lily.



I am a Freshman and planning to major in Illustration. My hope is to be able to work with CPH and the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Publishing House (CELPH) to create covers and illustrations for books. Currently my classes consist of Writing, Western Art History, Design Drawing, 2-D Design, and 3-D Design. The hardest part of going to college is knowing that my parents and four siblings are halfway around the world, but I am thankful for the support of my extended family and other friends. I am also very thankful for this scholarship since I don't have to worry about the cost of art supplies for my classes.

Sincerely,
Autumn Mahlburg