



The Tenth of Thirteen Emma Hanson 2018 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipients

Hello Everyone!

Thank you so much for choosing me as one of the 2018 Steinbeck Scholarship recipients. Your prayers and support mean a lot to me.

My name is Emma Hanson and I was born in Taiwan while my parents were missionaries there. Our family moved to Hong Kong in 2005 and we have been serving there since. I went to and graduated from Hong Kong International School where we were taught in English but also

had Mandarin classes. My two younger sisters are still currently receiving their education there. I was involved in many things in Hong Kong. At school, I was in the band where I played the euphonium. I was also on the lacrosse team at school and on a local team. This gave me an opportunity to connect with many people outside of our church and school community. I was a leader of our Christian club on campus. This club was a place for students to come together for fellowship as we read God's word, shared food, and just talked about life. I also volunteered for Teaching for Tomorrow, an organization that goes to inner city kindergartens to teach English and play games with small children.

While I had an amazing time growing up in Hong Kong and Taiwan, I am very excited about my next steps here in the United States. I am currently a first-year student at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. I am looking at studying pre-health focusing on pre-physical therapy or occupational therapy. I signed up for a few clubs on campus this semester including lacrosse and Asian American society club. I also joined a women's bible study group! I am not sure what my future will hold or where I'll end up living, but I know that the Lord has a plan for my life.

I am so thankful for all the support given to me and my family. We are praying for you all too!

Blessings,
Emma