

2022 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipient's Thank You Stories

Ernest Clausing — The Tenth of Eighteen

Dear LWML CNH,

I am most grateful for your prayers and financial support through the Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship. Your support enables me to continue to learn how best to serve the needs of our neighbors.

I was born and raised in St. Peters, Missouri for the first eleven years of my life before my family and I moved to East Africa in 2016. I lived mainly in Kenya and Tanzania, where my father teaches as a theological educator. While living in East Africa, I spent five years learning Swahili, the local language; this experience inspired me to pursue a major in TESOL.

I am currently a freshman at Concordia University Nebraska, studying as a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) major while also participating in Concordia's Pre-Seminary program. When not studying, I am either working as a scene-shop technician for Concordia's theatre department, designing and building sets for our theatre performances, or working at the daycare connected to my church. I also enjoy singing in Concordia's Male Chorus.

With your help, my first semester has been a wonderful opportunity to grow in knowledge and wisdom in a Christ-centered community. Your support has enabled me to focus on learning how best to serve my neighbor by helping them overcome language barriers to be able to hear and proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

Thank you for your care and support!

In Christ,
Ernest Clausing

