

2022 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipient's Thank You Stories

Mimi (Mariam) Tiews — The Twelfth of Eighteen

Dear LWML CNH and to whom it may concern,

I would like to thank you for the incredibly generous gift of \$500 dollars. As a college student, my finances are often tight, and unfortunately, higher education has decided to make textbooks' prices incredibly high.

Furthermore, I appreciate gifts of encouragement while I go to school across the ocean from where my dad is a missionary pastor based in Hamburg, Germany. He is involved mostly with refugees from Syria and teaching at the Luther Academy in Latvia. My mom is also occupied with several things in the Luther Academy as well as helping refugees from both Syria and Ukraine.



As this semester closes, I'm reflecting on the classes I was able to take and especially the books I read thanks to your funding. I am an Art History and German double major and was able to continue my pursuits in these disciplines. One class that I found fascinating was Introduction to Islamic Art and Architecture. Religions are complicated, influential, and rich forms of belief that unite a people like no other cause. This was the case in Islam and its subsequent dynasties. I would like to think that through the LCMS we are also united in helping each other—a testament obvious in your benevolent gift.

Thank you again for thinking of me while I pursue my education.

In Christ,
Mimi Tiews