

2022 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipient's Thank You Stories Ian Wolf — The Fifteenth of Eighteen

Dear LWML,

Thank-you so much for the scholarship for me so I could attend the University of Wyoming. While I am enjoying my classes (most of the time), what I truly love about attending the University of Wyoming is that my dorm room entrance is only 800 ft from St Andrew's Lutheran Church where I can hear solid Law and Gospel sermons and receive the sacrament every Sunday. Being so far from my family (they are in Nairobi), and after 6 years in Africa with my family as missionaries, I am thankful for the continuity of the Liturgy and the Word and Sacrament offered to me at St Andrew's. So many things are very different for me here, but this is not. If I didn't have scholarships to attend the University of Wyoming, I'm not sure where I would have ended up, and I'm not sure I would have had access to a good congregation like this.



My father was Active Duty in the US Air Force before we became missionaries. And throughout his service we've been stationed in many states and even overseas. As missionaries we spent a few months in Tanzania to learn Swahili. We lived in a small cabin, called a banda. We spent a lot of our time outdoors. We were at a kind of camp so our meals were cooked for us and we ate in another cabin that was a cafeteria. our classes came from local Tanzanian teachers who taught us about the culture and the language. My family now live in Nairobi where my father helps the missionaries in Africa behind the scenes with the projects and grants for the whole region.

My major at UWyo is Biology and I have been accepted to the Honors College which will also be a minor in Honors. I would like to become a marine biologist specializing in cold water marine biology. I hope to attend graduate school and eventually earn my PhD in marine biology hopefully at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. I would also like to spend some time working in Antarctica as a marine biologist. Thank-you so much for your support.

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