

2022 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipient's Thank You Stories Sophia Bombaro — The Sixteenth of Eighteen

Dear Mrs. Fisher and women of the LWML,

I am writing to express my gratitude for the generous Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be a huge help in funding my textbooks this year, and will allow me to spend more working hours during the semester volunteering and giving back to my community. Thank you so much for your consideration and for furthering my education!

I am a sophomore studying history with a minor in German at Hillsdale College. My time at school has been incredible so far! I am so blessed to be attending a college that pushes me towards excellence in academics as well as challenges me to grow in my friendships and in my faith. I am part of the Lutheran Society on campus, as well as the German and Philosophy national honoraries. I love meeting new students and families in my work as a student ambassador, and I hope that their time at Hillsdale will be as life-changing for them as it continues to be for me. In my free time I love playing piano, singing in the college choir, painting, reading, hiking, and discussing classes with friends late into the night. In the coming semester I am looking forward to building relationships, volunteering at the local elementary school, and taking a course in art history!

My family is currently living in Prague in the Czech Republic as my father serves the LCMS as a theological educator throughout Eurasia. We have also lived as missionaries in Latvia following my father's call as a pastor in San Diego, California, and service to our country as Navy Chaplain. Our time abroad as a family has inspired my love of travel and passion for studying history. It has been challenging to be an ocean apart from my family while at school, but I am grateful for our time together during my breaks and we trust God to continue to provide for the future!

Thank you again for your generosity in blessing me with this scholarship. I look forward to continuing my education at Hillsdale and undertaking the future opportunities God calls me to!

Sincerely,
Sophia Bombaro

