

## **The First of Twelve John Trinklein 2020 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipients**



Dear friends at LWML CNH,

I want to thank you for the generous scholarship funds that were granted me for the upcoming semester. Living as a missionary kid is quite a different experience; and especially during COVID-19, it has been difficult dealing with all the new transitions to college life. This scholarship will be a great blessing to me as I continue my college path.

I was born in St. Louis, MO, during the time that my father was pastor of a small congregation in Southern Illinois. I spent the first 14 years of my life living outside the small farming community of

Okawville, IL, where my father was serving. In 2015, my father accepted a call to serve as a Theological Educator in Yongin, South Korea. I moved there with my entire family in 2016 and lived there until this spring. In March of 2020, my siblings and I needed to return to America to renew our visas. When they returned to South Korea, I stayed behind to attend Grand Canyon University (GCU) in Phoenix, AZ. This is where I currently reside.

This is my first year of college, but I am entering as a Sophomore. I had previously completed my freshman year as a dual-enrollment student at GCU. I am studying towards a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, and I hope to become a forensics accountant. My siblings and I form a string quartet; and as solo violinist, I love helping lead worship whenever I get the chance. Some of my other hobbies include graphic design, card magic, and baseball.

Your financial gift is helping me stay motivated to learn during this difficult time. I am looking forward to growing in my relationship with Jesus Christ and in my academic journey here at GCU. I truly appreciate you all.

God bless you!

~John Trinklein