

2022 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipient's Thank You Stories

Skye Mahlburg — The Second of Eighteen

Dear ladies of the LWML CNH,

Thank you so much for granting me the Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship! I highly value my education as I have maintained a 4.0 GPA and remained on the dean's list so this fund will be only put into helping me achieve my full academic potential. With this scholarship, I'm going to be able to purchase books and materials that are expensive and hard to fund on my own.



My time here at WMU has been great. While it is difficult balancing my religion, school, and a social life, belief and time management have made it so I have not only been surviving but also thriving. I appreciate all the thoughts and prayer sent from congregations across the country and with your support I will continue to succeed with the blessing of the Lord.

A little bit about myself: I have lived in Sri Lanka, a small island in Asia located directly south of India. I lived in the port city of Colombo which has a tropical climate and has an average temperature in the high eighties year-round. I moved there in 2017 where I began my high school career at the Elizabeth Moir School which utilized the British education system. I progressed through the difficult O-level exams and the extremely challenging A-level exams until I graduated in 2021. My family has dealt with many different aspects of mission work, but perhaps the greatest accomplishment was the restructuring of the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC). When we arrived in the country, the church was having many issues with finances and having native preachers. However, my father worked tirelessly so that the church could internally support itself with the end goal being that when my family does leave, the church would have a solid foundation to grow upon through outreach.

I am currently pursuing a bachelor's degrees with a major in psychology. Following graduation, I plan to use my degree to secure a job in the field of therapy and to work hard for two or three years. During that time, I will be saving money up to eventually return to school to get a doctorate of psychology at graduate school. This will culminate in me being able to become a practicing therapist so that I can help people as God has called me to do.