

2022 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipient's Thank You Stories

Kaijala Burakowski — The Ninth of Eighteen

Women of the LWML CNH district,

I am writing to you all to express my gratitude for your generous \$500 Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this generous offer as it is a huge help in furthering my education.

I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. I am studying social work with a focus in both gerontology and public health. After graduation in May 2023, I plan to further my education in graduate school. While I am still unsure of where God will guide me, I am looking forward to new experiences by serving populations I have not worked with.

This semester I find myself busy with a full-time internship at Mayo Hospital-Luther Campus as a social work intern on the trauma floor, and a part time job working for Lutheran Social Services at an inpatient addiction treatment center. The experiences I am gaining are wonderful. It is with God's guidance that I am doing this work, and I know for that reason that it is the right thing for me. As much as I love what I do, I am also looking forward to winter break when I will be able to visit my parents in Santiago, Dominican Republic: taking a short break, worshipping with my family, enjoying lots of love and laughter.



By awarding me this scholarship, my financial burden has been lightened, which will allow me to focus on giving back to my community. I am deeply appreciative of your support and prayers. Peace be with you all.

Kaijala Burakowski