

Press Release



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AASP-MN Awards Scholarships to Automotive Students

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) is pleased to announce it has awarded scholarships totaling \$20,000 to help automotive service and collision repair students pay for tuition or tools during the 2022-23 school year. The scholarships are in the amounts of \$500 or \$1,500 and are made possible by generous donations from the Minnesota State I-CAR Committee and Bill Smith Fund, as well as proceeds from AASP-MN's Annual Race for Automotive Education fundraiser, which was held earlier this year.

Thirty-eight college and high school students from 12 schools submitted scholarship applications. Applications were reviewed by a committee of industry representatives, with consideration given to scholastic achievement, education and career goals, financial need and written recommendations.

The recipients are:

- Arieonna Blount, South Central College, North Mankato – Automotive Service Technology
- Joseph Bonnette, Century College, White Bear Lake – Automotive Service Technology
- Tehron Buffman, St. Cloud Technical & Community College, St. Cloud – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Connor Haag, Rochester Community & Technical College, Rochester – Automotive Service Technology
- Thomas Huso, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Brandon McKenzie, Century College, White Bear Lake – Automotive Service Technology
- Zach McLaughlin, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Automotive Service Technology
- Caleb Mead, South Central College, North Mankato – Automotive Service Technology
- Michael Ni, St. Paul College, St. Paul – Automotive Service Technology
- Adam Oberg, Pine Technical College, Pine City – Automotive Service Technology
- Nicholas Perzichilli, Century College, White Bear Lake – Automotive Service Technology
- Jacob Raak, Ridgewater College, Willmar – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Barron Schneider, Ridgewater College, Willmar – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Cody Sievert, Ridgewater College, Willmar – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Taliesin Sutton, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie – Automotive Service Technology
- Matthew Wallace, Century College, White Bear Lake – Automotive Service Technology

Congratulations to all this year's recipients!

The scholarship awards are the centerpiece of AASP-MN's Automotive Education Fund, which was established to provide financial resources to support automotive students, enhance automotive programs and raise awareness of career opportunities in the independent automotive service industry.

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AASP-MN is an association of independently owned automotive service businesses and industry suppliers dedicated to improving Minnesota's automotive service industry and the success of its nearly 700 members. For more information, visit www.aaspmn.org.