

# 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 scholarship awards totaling \$19,500 to help automotive service and collision repair students pay for tuition or tools during the 2020-21 school year. The scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000 or \$1,500 and were made possible by a successful fundraising drive within the AASP-MN membership, as well as generous donations from the Minnesota State I-CAR Committee and the Bill Smith Fund.

Twenty college and high school students from 7 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:

- Austin Allison, South Central College, North Mankato – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Carter Brandes, South Central College, North Mankato – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Carisa Camarillo, Lake Superior College, Duluth – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Clifton Draghine II, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie – Automotive Service Technology
- Dylan Draxten, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis – Automotive Service Technology
- Holly Isdahl, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Makaila Kewatt, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Madyan Khidir, MN State Community & Technical College, Moorhead – Automotive Service Technology
- Luis Mendoza Martinez, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie – Automotive Service Technology
- Khoa Luc Nguyen, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie – Automotive Service Technology
- Reed Patterson, Lake Superior College, Duluth – Automotive Service Technology
- Logan Peterson, Ridgewater College, Willmar – Automotive Service Technology
- Matthew Pipes, South Central College, North Mankato – Automotive Service Technology
- Mitchell Robertson, South Central College, North Mankato – Automotive Service Technology
- Kaleb Vanhavermaet, Ridgewater College, Willmar – Automotive Service Technology
- Holden Whiting, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis – Automotive Service Technology
- Sean Wood, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis – Automotive Service Technology

Congratulations to all of 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.

*The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) is an association of nearly 750 independently-owned automotive service businesses and industry suppliers dedicated to improving the state's automotive service industry and the success of its members.*

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