

# 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 \$16,000 to help automotive service and collision repair students pay for tuition or tools during the 2019-20 school year. The scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000 per student 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.

Thirty college and high school students from 13 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:

- Jacob Boynton, MN State College, Southeast Technical, Winona – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Toben DeHaan, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis – Automotive Service Technology
- Mekiah Grillo, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park – Automotive Service Technology
- Jeff Horecka, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Automotive Service Technology
- Wah Htoo, St. Paul College, St. Paul – Automotive Service Technology
- Holly Isdahl, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Brady Kellner, MN State College, Southeast Technical, Winona – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Brenden Kerns, MN State College, Southeast Technical, Winona – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Grant Leshovsky, MN State Community & Technical College, Moorhead – Automotive Service Technology
- Samuel Nelson, Ridgewater College, Willmar – Automotive Service Technology
- Khoa Luc Nguyen, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie – Automotive Service Technology
- Haiden Peterson, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Vincent Sogbey, Anoka Technical College, Anoka – Automotive Service Technology
- Edward Stasyuk, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Angelica Tonge, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount - Auto Body Collision Repair
- Derek Wallrich, Century College, White Bear Lake – 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 800 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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