



FOUNDER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2017

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Congratulations to the five recipients of the 2017 Founder Scholarships. The New York Rural Water Association provides five students with \$500.00 each to help defray the costs of tuition, books, or room and board at college. Although we received numerous excellent student applications from across the state, only five are selected to receive the one-time grant. This year we received 44 applicants, many of which had excellent grades, leadership roles, community involvement and essays expressing their career goals. We only wish there were more scholarships to go around to so many deserving students.

From the White Plains Region:

Khristopher DiBartolo

Residing in Livingston Manor, Khristopher will be attending Binghamton University this fall to study Biochemistry. Khristopher's plan is to enroll in the New Vision Health Program and will eventually shadow doctors of all healthcare fields and learn basic anatomy and physiology to prepare for his future. Medical school is a part of his vision for the future.



From the Capital Region: Cole Shaffer

Residing in Oneonta, NY, Cole's parents are both in the water industry and he has learned from them the importance in producing a safe and clean potable water for the consumers. He is looking to major in Water Resources or Environmental Science. He has always had a love for his science classes and feels this would be a great path to follow. He also is very knowledgeable with computers which will be an asset in learning more about SCADA systems used in water treatment plants. He would enjoy a career that helps Towns, Hamlets and larger cities have the best quality water.



From the Finger Lakes Region:

Jaimee Frederick

Residing in Clifton Springs, NY, Jaimee is hopeful to be attending Cornell University



this fall to pursue an Animal Science bachelor's degree and return home to the family farm to apply what she learned. She wishes to take classes about genetics and animal nutrition to improve the family herd and their milk production. Throughout her high school years she has been active in the agriculture club, Youth to Youth Club, 4-H, Ontario County Youth Fair and has volunteered in many aspects around her community.

From the Northeast Central Region:

Abigail Combs

Residing in Binghamton, NY, Abigail hopes to attend the University of Rochester this fall to study Neuroscience and Public Health. She has held numerous leadership positions throughout her high school years, along with academic camps and programs, honor awards and has a long list of community service she was involved with. Her wish is to make a difference in the health care industry with medical practices. Her interest is in working on larger public health issues that relate to the safety and improvement of the human civilization.



From the Buffalo Region:

Garrett Martin

Residing in Olean, NY, Garrett plans to attend Jamestown Community College to study Social Sciences. Although Garrett has been diagnosed with ADHD and Asperger's Syndrome he believes he can make a difference with a strong education and become a park ranger and author. When the time comes, he wishes to tell his own story to others with similar ailments and plans to donate time and resources to help Autistics find what power truly lies within them. His legacy might not promise great riches and fame, but it will include helping others and making the world a better place.



NYRWA wishes to thank every applicant for applying and encourage you to apply again in the future. We extend our best wishes to all students in achieving their future endeavors. For those considering applying next year, we strongly recommend that you ensure all the necessary materials with your application are complete before submitting. 💧💧