

VMCCA FOUNDATION FALL



Emma Gillies

Hello! My name is Emma Gillies, and I am attending Michigan State University to earn my bachelor's degree in secondary English education. As I enter my senior year of college, I will be student teaching all year. I am incredibly passionate about education and cannot wait to have my own classroom someday. I plan to learn effective

classroom management skills in my student teaching year to foster a safe, supportive, and productive classroom for my future students. I enjoy reading, writing poetry, and collecting records in my free time. Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Emma is the granddaughter of Gary Miron of the Great Lakes Region.



Brendan Martin

I am a Lee's Summit High School graduate and a freshman at the University of Missouri-Columbia. I am pursuing a bachelor of science degree in business administration with an emphasis on marketing or finance. I am a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma fraternity. My grandparents, Gary and Dorothy Barth, encouraged me to apply for this scholarship.

They have been members of the Kansas City Chapter of the VMCCA for over 15 years. They enjoy the friendships they have made and the trips they have taken over the years. My grandparents have four classic cars ranging from 1941 to 1964, and I have enjoyed riding in all of them. I am very appreciative and thankful to the VMCCA for this scholarship. I will use this award to continue my education.



Gavin Liles

My name is Gavin Liles, and I am a high school senior from Kenai, Alaska. I am thrilled to announce that, in the fall of 2025, I will attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, to pursue a major in business finance. I see the value in learning more about the diverse operations that take place in businesses. Finance stood out among all other majors because of its need

and usefulness in today's society. In my off time, I enjoy striving to become a better athlete in hockey and soccer, and if the weather permits, spend time outdoors exploring my beautiful home state. I will continue to involve myself in the various sporting activities and events when I attend Liberty. I am ecstatically looking forward to this upcoming fall semester and what lies ahead!

Gavin is the grandson of Don and Cindy Knight of the Texoma Region.



Alyssa Pullen

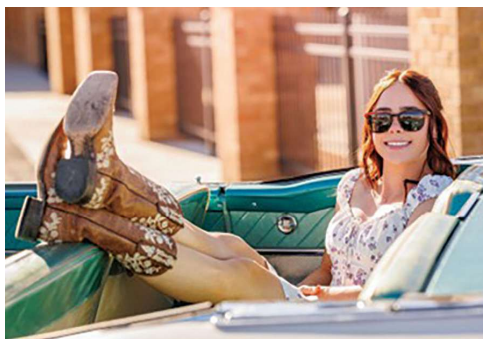
My name is Alyssa Pullen, and I'm currently studying biochemistry at the University of Texas at San Antonio. My goal is to become an orthopedic surgeon, using my knowledge to improve the lives of others. Alongside my studies, I have a passion for writing and art, which allow me to explore my creativity and express myself. As I continue my journey through college

and medical school, I look forward to discovering new opportunities, making meaningful connections, and growing personally and professionally. Thank you so much for the scholarship!

Alyssa is the granddaughter of Irene and Randy Pullen of the Texoma Region.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Emily Savage

My name is Emily Savage, and I would like to thank the VMCCA for this scholarship. It is going to help with my tuition fees. I am attending college at UTPB and

majoring in early education. I am working as a Reach Associate and attending college to pursue my career in teaching. I graduated from Legacy High School in May 2024 with my Teacher's Aid 1 Certification. Once I graduate college, I plan to become a second-grade teacher to help shape young minds and ensure students feel safe at school. I have been around older cars for as long as I can remember. Maybe one day I will get to have one of my own. My grandparents, James and Marlene Myers of Andrews, Texas, from the Texoma Region, have been VMCCA members for years. I want to thank them for the opportunity to earn this scholarship. I enjoy being at my Papa's shop, around their cars, and seeing them at car shows.



Grace Swenson

My name is Grace Swenson, and I want to tell you about my aspirations for the future. I plan to attend the University of Kansas to study business administration. I want to learn how to create and run a business because I have a goal in the future to create my own incorporating aviation. For my future at KU, I want to explore all the possibilities

college can bring me and find new friendships, hobbies, and opportunities.

Grace is the granddaughter of Chuck and Karen Swenson of the Mountains and Plains Region.



Lucy Shepherd

My name is Lucy Shepherd, and I am an undergraduate student at the University of Toledo pursuing a degree in speech-language pathology. Having attended the University of Toledo for the past two years, I am committed to continuing my education and plan to pursue a master's degree in my field. Outside my academic pursuits, I enjoy spending time with family

and friends, particularly at sporting events and car shows. Thank you so much for awarding me the scholarship!

Lucy is the daughter of Andrew and Barbie Shepherd and the granddaughter of William and Kathryn Shepherd all from the Great Lakes Region.



Joel Valdez

My name is Joel Valdez, and I am a senior at Cherokee High School. After I graduate in May, I plan to attend the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor to pursue my love for engineering in a mechanical engineering career and my love for football by playing for the Crusaders. In college, I want to gain more knowledge about the physics of how

things work in our world and the mechanics behind how structures perform to the best of their ability. I am also excited to learn how to be on my own, make new friendships, stay on top of my classes, and live my life for the Lord.

Joel is the grandson of Doug and Becky Forsythe of the Texoma Region.

