

# 2025 Scholarship Report



## Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation

AWAF's mission is to empower women in the automotive, mobility, and related industries by providing mentorship, professional development, coaching, and educational opportunities. This aligns with our goal of creating a diverse talent pipeline that reflects the world around us.

We hope that these educational tuition scholarships will alleviate financial burdens, allow for more study time, facilitate the exploration of new technologies and application methods, and provide valuable opportunities and experiences.

## Selection and Distribution of Scholarships

We follow a formal process managed by the Scholarship Committee, which carefully reviews all applications and recommendations. Scholarships are usually awarded in amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 each. These awards are given throughout the year, with many presented at our quarterly AWAF events and during the Annual Golf Outing.

## Applications Always Accepted

Students interested in scholarship opportunities must be at least seniors in high school or pursuing an Associate, Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate. Please visit [www.AWAFoundation.org](http://www.AWAFoundation.org) to access the Education Scholarship Online Application.

## Our Board and Foundation Members Focus

Founded in 2001 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, our board and members include individuals, entrepreneurs, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), suppliers, businesses, and academic institutions. The Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation (AWAF) is committed to empowering our members and driving forward our mission with purpose and impact.

2001 - 2025  
**296 Scholarships=\$767,000**

## Scholarship Eligibility and Guidelines

1. Applicants must be accepted into an accredited college or university to be considered for this scholarship.
2. Applicants are required to have and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 during a scholarship-funded semester.
3. If an applicant cannot accept the scholarship or if education is interrupted, the AWAF Scholarship Committee will review the status of the funds.
4. The scholarship funds awarded will be valid at the chosen college or university to be used toward tuition and fees only.
5. The scholarship check will be issued in the name of the applicant, student ID, and the educational institution.
6. Scholarship awards will be determined based on the application. The AWAF Scholarship Committee may conduct interviews.
7. Applicants must provide written or electronic notification of their acceptance within five (5) days of receiving the award notification.
8. This scholarship is open to citizens of North America.

The application and any scholarship award are subject to the terms and conditions set forth on AWA Foundation's website, which may be updated from time to time. The AWA Foundation Board of Directors administers the Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation (AWAF) Scholarship program. The AWAF is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) registered service organization. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, creed, religion, or national origin.

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# AWA Foundation 2025 Scholarship Recipients



**Jeanette Ansi-Brombach** - University of Michigan, Executive MBA

**Funded by AWAF**

**Mariana Flores-Cantu** - Michigan State University, Supply Chain Management, **Funded by AWAF**

**Katelynn Freese** - University of Michigan, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, **Funded by AWAF**

**Arianna Porter** - Kettering University, Industrial Engineering **Funded by AWAF**

**Vaaniika Singla** - Rutgers University, Mechanical Engineering **Funded by AWAF**

**Kimberly Betty** - Oakland University, Master's Mechanical Engineering, **Sponsored by Vivacqua Crane**

**Kenteya Stubbs** - Kettering University, Mechanical Engineering **Funded by AWAF**

**Piper Barth** - Clemson University, Automotive Engineering **Sponsored by MAGNA**

**Melana Kaafarani** - Wayne State University, Engineering & Computer Engineering, **Sponsored by MAGNA**

**Savannah Nseir** - Michigan State University, Mechanical Engineering **Sponsored by BorgWarner**

**Kristy Rubino** - Southern Illinois University, Automotive Technology **Sponsored by Christian Brothers Automotive**

**Jennifer Mailoux** - Northern Virginia Community College Maintenance & Repair Technology, **Sponsored by Christian Brothers Automotive**

**Evelyn Gilstrap** - Tidewater Tech Trades, Automotive Technology **Sponsored by Christian Brothers Automotive**

**Taylor Frazier** - Kettering University, Mechanical Engineering **Funded by AWAF**

**Dihanna Adam** - Florida State University, Computer Science **Funded by AWAF**

**Sarah Nseir** - University of Michigan, Aerospace Engineering **Sponsored by Maureen LaFontaine Legacy Scholarship**

**Kylah Bowser** - University of Oklahoma, Marketing & Management **Sponsored by Maureen LaFontaine Legacy Scholarship**

**Morgan Snyder** - Harvard University, Master's Public Policy **Funded by AWAF**

**Ahnika Gaydos** - Eastern Michigan University, Exercise Science **Funded by AWAF**

**Madeline Finamore** - Kettering University, Industrial Engineering **Sponsored by Amsted Automotive**

**Takiyah Ali** - University of Michigan, Mechanical Engineering

**Sponsored by Maureen LaFontaine Legacy Scholarship**

**Megan Herman** - Michigan State University, Chemical Engineering

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**Kloe Klakulak** - Wayne State University, Chemical Engineering

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**Anna McClure** - Saginaw Valley State University, Mechanical Engineering, **Sponsored by Adient**

**Victoria Smerdon** - University of Michigan, Master's Energy Systems Engineering, **Sponsored by MAGNA**

**Abigail Pinch** - University of Michigan, Biomedical Engineering & Material Science, **Sponsored by Martinrea**

**Katherine Cheesbro** - University of Wisconsin-Madison, Biomedical Engineering, **Sponsored by Aptiv**

**Grace Pridgeon** - South Dakota School of Mines, Electrical Engineering, **Funded by AWAF**

**Meagan Donovan** - University of Southern California, Product Development Engineering, **Funded by AWAF**

## 2001 - 2025 - Recipient Schools of Michigan

Central Michigan University, College for Creative Studies, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Kalamazoo College, Kettering University, Lawrence Technological University, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, Northwood University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Michigan, Walsh College, Wayne State University

## 2001 - 2025 Recipient Schools Out of State

Art Center College of Design, Baran Institute of Technology, Berea College, Brookdale Community College, Brown University, Butte College, Carnegie Mellon University, Centralia College, Central State University, Clemson University, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Columbia University, Columbus State University, Cornell University, Coventry University, Drake University, Drexel University, Duke University, East Carolina University, Florida State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indiana University-East, Iowa State University, Johns Hopkins University, Lake Area Institute, Lincoln College of Technology, Mary Baldwin College/UVA, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Montana State University, Northern Virginia Community College, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Northwestern University, Princeton University, Rice University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, San Bernardino Valley College, Sequoia Institute, Southern Illinois University, Stanford University, Stevens Institute of Technology, South Dakota School of Mines, Suny Stony Brook University, The Ohio State University, Tide Water Tech Trades, Tulane University, Tuskegee University, Universal Technical Institute, University of Arizona-Eller Management, University of California-Berkeley, University of Florida, University of Maryland, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, University of North Texas Denton, University of Northwestern Ohio, University of Oklahoma, University of Pennsylvania, University of Phoenix, University of South Carolina, University of Southern California, University of Texas at Austin, University of the Cumberlands, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, University of Windsor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Valparaiso University, Vanderbilt University, Vermont Technical College, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Yale University.