

## 2022 RWSPEA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Every year RWSPEA gives four non-renewing \$750 scholarships to deserving applicants related to our members in good standing. A committee determines the winners. This year we had 3 great applicants.

Applications open every year on January 1st and close April 1st. Any applications received after the closing date are not considered. The application information is posted to our website, [rwspea.org](http://rwspea.org).

**Congratulations to our winners!**



### **KATIE BLUME – DAUGHTER OF RETIRED TROOPER PAUL BLUME**

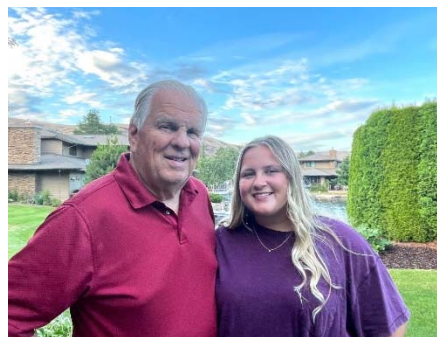
I will be attending North Idaho College in the Fall to study Forestry/Wildlife/Range Management and continue my basketball career! With this degree I hope to work for Department of Natural Resources and continue advocating for the outdoors I love so dearly.

My dad, Paul Blume, was a Trooper for 26 1/2 years and worked the majority of his career out of Ellensburg. He has influenced me as my greatest role model in life by always working hard for what you have and never expecting anything to be given. Washington State Patrol has been a huge part of my life and you'd be hard pressed to find a picture of our home without a white patrol car out front! It is an honor to be a recipient of this scholarship!

### **McKENNA SWINDELL – GRANDDAUGHTER OF RETIRED DETECTIVE SERGEANT JIM BALDWIN**

Hi, my name is McKenna Swindell. In the fall, I will return for my second year at Grand Canyon

University in Phoenix AZ where I am studying Elementary and Special Education. My goal is to work with students living with Autism. I want to help them reach their full potential and live their best life.



When I'm not in school, I enjoy working as a lifeguard, teaching water safety classes and private swim lessons to special needs children. I also enjoy hiking, chasing sunsets, and spending time with my friends and family. Life is good!

I am very grateful to have the influence of my grandfather retired WSP Detective Sergeant Jim Baldwin. He has taught me the importance of a strong moral character and chasing my dreams.

I am so thankful to have been awarded this scholarship and appreciate the support from the Retired Washington State Patrol Employees Association.

With appreciation,

McKenna Swindell Granddaughter of retired Detective Sergeant Jim Baldwin of Selah WA



**GRAYSEN SWANSON – DAUGHTER OF RETIRED  
TROOPER JEFF SWANSON**

My name is Graysen Swanson, and I will be attending Seattle Pacific University this fall as a junior. I am double majoring in physiology and honors liberal arts with plans to attend dental school after I earn my bachelor's degree. I love being able to help others which is why I am excited for my future career as a dentist, where I will be able to give people the smiles that they deserve. Without the help and influence of my great dad, I wouldn't be able to accomplish all

the career goals I have set in place. Growing up with him being in the State Patrol, has taught me the importance of hard work and dedication. He always does everything whole-heartedly and has shown me that the goals you have in life are important to keep working toward, even if it isn't always easy. He has truly been one of the greatest influences in my life and I am very grateful to have him as my dad.