

2023 RWSPEA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Every year RWSPEA gives four non-renewing scholarships to a family member of a member in good standing. This year, due to two anonymous donations designated for a 2023 scholarship, we gave five scholarships. These are the recipients. Congratulations to all!



**Laurel Sturdevant –
Granddaughter of James
Kean**

My name is Laurel Sturdevant. I am a 2023 Ferndale High School and Whatcom Community College

(AAS) graduate. In the fall, I plan to enroll in the prerequisite nursing program at WCC, with the ultimate goal of earning my Bachelor of Nursing Degree at Western Washington University. I am excited to continue my education in this field and to work towards a career that will allow me to make a positive impact on the life of others. Thank you so much for helping me towards my goal! I will be attending Whatcom Community College.



**Katie Blume – Daughter of
Paul Blume**

I will be completing my sophomore year of college at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene to complete my General Studies Associates Degree and a

Communication Certificate. After I complete this program, I will transfer to University of Idaho to complete their Agricultural Communications bachelors! My dad, Paul Blume, was a Trooper for 26 1/2 years and worked majority of that time out of Ellensburg. He is my greatest role model and supporter and I would be no where close to where I am now without him. I am very thankful for the Trooper's Association for giving my dad the career he dreamed of and supporting my family. I am honored to be a recipient of this scholarship!



**Chloe Swanson – Daughter
of Jeff Swanson**

Hi, my name is Chloe Swanson. I grew up in Ellensburg, WA, and attended Riverside Christian School from 6th grade until my Junior year in High school. I then moved down

to San Antonio, TX, and continued my last high school year at Cornerstone Christian School. After high school, I plan on attending Texas A&M in the fall and pursuing my goal of becoming a criminal defense attorney.



**Graysen Swanson –
Daughter of Jeff Swanson**

My name is Graysen Swanson, and I will be attending Seattle Pacific University this fall as a senior. I am majoring in

physiology and double minoring in chemistry 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 wholeheartedly 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.



**Natasha Ruddell –
Granddaughter of Thomas
Guthrie**

Hi, my name is Natasha Ruddell. I am 18 years old and the granddaughter of Sergeant Thomas Guthrie. I Cheerleading, National Honor Society, and French club

throughout my four years at R. A. Long HS. I enjoy reading, playing sports, and hanging out with my friends. I will be attending Eastern Washington University in the fall to study elementary education.