

Press Release



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AASP-MN Awards \$14,000 in Scholarships to Automotive Students

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) awarded \$14,000 in scholarships to help post-secondary automotive students pay for tuition during the 2016-17 school year. The scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000 per student and were made possible by a successful fundraising drive within the AASP-MN membership, as well as a generous donation from the Minnesota State I-CAR Committee. All recipients will be entering the second year of a NATEF-certified automotive program based in Minnesota.

Congratulations to this year's recipients!

- Dylan Ahrndt, Ridgewater College, Willmar – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Trevor Dosch, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Jamie Garciano Acosta, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Rachel Meisch, MN State College Southeast Technical, Winona – Automotive Service Technology
- Kevin Miller, Century College, White Bear Lake – Automotive Service Technology
- Juan Mireles, MN State Community & Technical College, Detroit Lakes – Automotive Service Technology
- Ryan Moe, Century College, White Bear Lake – Automotive Service Technology
- Kevin Nguyen, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Codey Owen, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Cory Reller, Century College, White Bear Lake – Automotive Service Technology
- Ben Scherger, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Auto Body Collision Repair
- Bryant Swiers, MN State Community & Technical College, Moorhead – Automotive Service Technology
- Beverly White, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis – Automotive Service Technology
- Bradley Williams, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis – Automotive Service Technology

Thirty students from 12 schools were eligible for the scholarships. Applications were reviewed by a committee of industry representatives, with consideration given to scholastic achievement, education and career goals, financial need and written recommendations.

The scholarship awards are the centerpiece of AASP-MN's Automotive Education Fund, which was established to provide financial resources to support automotive students, enhance automotive programs and raise awareness of career opportunities in the independent automotive service industry.

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) is an association of nearly 800 independently-owned automotive service businesses and industry suppliers dedicated to improving the state's automotive service industry and the success of its members.

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