

Press Release



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AASPMN Awards \$20,000 in Scholarships to Automotive Students

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASPMN) is pleased to announce it has awarded twenty-three scholarships totaling \$20,000 to help automotive service and collision repair students pay for tuition or tools during the 2026-27 school year. The scholarships range from \$500 - \$2,000 each and are made possible by the generous donation from the Minnesota State I-CAR Committee, as well as proceeds from AASPMN's Annual Race for Automotive Education fundraiser.

Forty-one college and high school students from 17 schools submitted applications. The 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 recipients are:

- Brody Arnold, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie – Automotive Service Technology
- James Bisek, South Central College, N. Mankato – Automotive Service Technology
- Owen Brochman, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Automotive Service Technology
- Ryan Cardinal, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Collision Repair Technology
- Liam Cosgrove, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis – Automotive Service Technology
- Faith Curtis, Pine Technical College, Pine City – Automotive Service Technology
- Eli Gilles, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park – Diesel Mechanic Technology
- Miguel Gonzales, South Central College, N. Mankato – Automotive Service Technology
- Muzamil Hassan, St. Paul College, St. Paul – Automotive Service Technology
- Steven Horrisberger, Century College, White Bear Lake – Automotive Service Technology
- Yahir Lira, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Collision Repair Technology
- Johnathon Lund, Century College, White Bear Lake – Collision Repair Technology
- Thomas MacDowell, Minnesota North College, Hibbing – Automotive Service Technology
- Xander Meyer, Lake Superior College, Duluth – Automotive Service Technology
- Abudullahi Mohamud, St. Paul College, St. Paul – Automotive Service Technology
- Angel Ramirez Campos, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie – Automotive Service Technology
- James Taylor, Anoka Technical College, Anoka – Automotive Service Technology
- Ryan Tschetter, Rochester Community College, Rochester – Automotive Service Technology
- Anthony Urzua, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Collision Repair Technology
- Christian Vang, Century College, White Bear Lake – Automotive Service Technology
- Justin Warneke, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park – Collision Repair Technology
- Esther Whittlef, Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount – Collision Repair Technology
- Noah Yang, Century College, White Bear Lake – Automotive Service Technology

Congratulations to all this year's recipients!

The scholarship awards are the centerpiece of AASPMN'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.

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