

2022 Scholarship Annual Membership Report

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Many thanks to all of our members who contribute to the scholarship program to make it so successful!

For the 2021-2022 scholarship year, we received sixteen applications. There were four girl applicants and twelve boy applications. Since 2005 when records have been kept, we have had forty boy scholarship recipients and forty girl scholarship recipients. This year was unusual with only four girls applying. We gave out a total of five \$1000 scholarships. All sixteen candidates came highly recommended and received strong support. We had one recipient spend his first three years of his high school career in Pratt, Kansas. He is Zach Vandervoort. Zach moved to Hebron with his parents and competed on the Thayer Central High School Titans Golf Team his senior year. As a very successful golfer in Kansas, he continued his senior year at Thayer Central with several first-place finishes in invitational meets, first at district, and fourth at state competition. All scholarship application information is received by all of the schools in the CNSGA region twice a year, once in late December and once in early February. All applications are due March 1. If you have any senior candidates worthy of the CNSGA scholarship, please have them contact a school official during this time.

2022 CNSGA Scholarship Recipients

Marcus Holling of Grand Island High School. Marcus is the son of John and Amanda Holling. As a recipient of a CNSGA \$1000 scholarship, this 2021 Nebraska Super State selection was Runner-Up to the Nebraska Golf Association Junior Amateur Championship. As a 3-Time Heartland All-Conference selection, Marcus was on the NCPA Academic All-State Team. He received the Lincoln Journal Star Academic All-State award, was selected to the Kansas-Nebraska Cup Team, and was selected to the Nebraska Junior Golf All-Star Team. Through his Islander golfing career since his freshman year, Marcus had a very impressive Junior PGA golf program. Marcus earned ten Top-Ten finishes at Class A Invitationals while winning the Capital City Invite his junior year. In his junior year, he finished 3rd at conference, 5th at district, and 8th at the NSAA Class A Boys State Golf Tournament. As a senior, Marcus finished 7th at the Heartland Conference, 7th at district and 11th at state. This talented golfer was a Chip-Putt and Drive Finalist at the age of 12 at Augusta and now supports a +2.9 handicap. Marcus plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney in his pursuit of a degree in Health Science.

Ethan Smith of Doniphan-Trumbull High School. Ethan is the son of Jon and Melanie Smith. As a recipient of a CNSGA \$1000 scholarship, Ethan placed in the Top 10 at invitational meets 14 times while placing 1st in 10 of those events. This Doniphan-Trumbull Cardinal as a junior placed 1st in conference play, placed first at district and 3rd at the NSAA 2021 Class C State Boys' Golf Tournament. Due to his successful efforts, Ethan was selected to the Class C High School Boys All-State Golf Team in his junior year. During this time, he supports a .6 handicap. Then during his senior year this spring, this Doniphan-Trumbull Cardinal placed 2nd at conference, 2nd at district, and 7th at the Class C NSAA State Boys Golf Tournament. Ethan was a semifinalist in the Nebraska Junior Match Play Tournament, placed 10th in the Nebraska Junior PGA Amateur tournament, finished 11th in the NGA season out of 143 other junior golfers, placed 6th at the US Junior Amateur Tournament and 4th at the Hurricane Tour Tournament in St. Louis, Missouri. Ethan plans on attending the Iowa Western Community College in his pursuit of a business degree while competing for the Reiver Men's Golf Team.

Elizabeth Mestl of Heartland Community Schools. Elizabeth is the daughter of James and Gina Mestl. As a recipient of a CNSGA \$1000 scholarship, this Heartland Huskie during her high school career won 15 Invitationals and was in the Top 5 finishes 24 times at these invites. Miss Mestl was in the Top 5 at the district competition all 4 years of her high school career finishing “2nd” twice. At the Class C State Girls Golf Tournament, Elizabeth finished in the Top 10 all four years with a 3rd place finish her senior year. She was selected to the Nebraska Super State team her freshman and junior years. Elizabeth plans on attending the Moorehead State University in her pursuit of a degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Colbi Smith of Arnold High School. Colbi is the son of Robbi and Shelley Smith. As a recipient of a CNSGA \$1000 scholarship, this Arnold High School Cardinal placed in the Top-Ten at all of his 20 high school golf invitationals while placing 1st at eight of those invites. During his junior year, Colbi placed first at the MNAC Conference Tournament, 8th at the Class D district meet, and 8th at the Class D State Boys Golf Tournament. In his senior year, Colbi placed 1st or 2nd in six invitationals, 1st at the MNAC Conference meet, 5th at district, and 10th at the Nebraska Class C State Boys Golf Tournament. This Cardinal was a 3-time NCSA Academic All-State recipient in golf. Colbi was a member of the NCA Academic All-State in One Act and Band. He was a Lincoln Journal Star Academic All-State Honoree. He is a Nebraska Boys State Alumni and a National Honor Society member. He led his high school’s One Act to a Class D2 State Championship his junior and senior year. Colbi plans on attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in his pursuit of a Pre-Health degree.

Zach Vandervoort of Thayer Central High School. He is the son of Steve and Amanda Vandervoort. This Titan placed 1st in 12 Kansas High School Invitationals; plus, he placed 1st “twice” at the conference level, 1st “twice” at the district level and 6th at the Class 4A Kansas State Boys Golf Tournament during his Kansas High School career up through his junior year. After moving to Hebron with his parents, this celebrated golfer joined the Thayer Central Titan Golf Team and quickly became the team leader. During his senior year as a Thayer Central Titan, he placed 1st at the Friend Invite and Fillmore Central Invite, 2nd at the Sandy Creek Invite, 1st at the District 1 competition, and 4th at the 2022 NSAA Class D State Boys Golf Tournament. This Titan is a member of the Thayer Central HS National Honors Society supporting a 4.00 GPA. He plans to attend the Washburn University at Topeka, Kansas, majoring in Business Finance while participating on the Icabod Men’s Golf Team.