



Each year the New England Railroad Club is pleased to present college scholarships to deserving children and grandchildren of club members in good standing. Our scholarship program is the one of the primary ways we look to “give back” to our club members. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit and community achievement as evaluated by the Selection Committee made up of academic professionals from the University of Massachusetts. Each year we have been fortunate to have an excellent range of applicants and the Selection Committee has consistently noted the challenge in picking the awardees.

2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Anneli DiVirgilio
Anna Woolslager
Daniel Casper
Skylar White



Anneli DiVirgilio

Framingham State University

I am currently a freshman at Framingham State University, majoring in Environmental Science and Policy and minoring in Biology. I plan to use my degree to perform research on plants, animals, and ecosystems worldwide.

My passion for exploring the outdoors is evident in my work, and I hope to one day be able to say that I have visited and/or worked in every single country.

I'm honored to be a 2023 scholarship recipient, and I would like to thank the New England Railroad Club for their generosity in helping me fund my college career.





Anna Woolslager, MS

Metropolitan State University of Denver



Anna grew up in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and received her Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Temple University. During Anna's undergraduate career, she grew an interest and passion for nutrition and dietetics while working at a nonprofit organization, where she assisted in community nutrition education/cooking classes for families living in Philadelphia.

In 2021, Anna decided to move to Denver, Colorado, to begin her graduate studies at the Metropolitan State University of Denver, where she graduated with a Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics in May 2023. Anna is currently completing her dietetic internship program with the Metropolitan State University of Denver and plans on becoming an RDN in the Spring of 2024.

Anna's passion for cooking, recipe development, food culture, preventative health, and interest in helping people foster healthy relationships with food drove her to pursue this career path. Anna also enjoys traveling, camping, hiking, reading, skiing, crafting, and spending time with friends and family.



Danny Casper

Penn State University

I would first like to say thank you to everyone who awarded me this scholarship and to the entire membership. I am very humbled and grateful for winning this award. It means a lot to my family and me, and I am thankful that the committee chose me for this scholarship.

My first semester at Penn State University studying statistics and economics went even better than I had hoped. I set aside a decent chunk of my time every day for my homework and studying, which resulted well for me. I finished with all A's and B's and look to repeat this strategy next semester.

I am thoroughly excited to branch out more next semester as well and hopefully meet some new possible future relationships, connections, and friends by joining more clubs.

I am enjoying my focus on economics and statistics at the university. I am enjoying the topics in my classes, which makes studying and reviewing easier and more exciting. Again, I would like to thank the scholarship committee and everyone in the membership for recognizing me with this award.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Skylar White

St. Lawrence University



Excerpt from Application:

Currently, I'm pursuing my bachelor's degree in English and Environmental Studies at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY. Even though I'm from Idaho, I have deep roots in the East because my mom grew up in Albany, NY and I have lots of family in the area. Now that I'm going to school in the North Country, I'm exploring my connection to the natural beauty of New York, and to my family history. I biked the Albany County Rail Trail recently and was enchanted by how vibrant and lush it was. I'm also learning more about the family business, Riegel Rail Solutions, than I ever have, and fond early memories of looking at trains with my grandpa have come flooding back.

Because I've only been on SLU's campus for one semester, I haven't gotten to make as much of an impact on campus as I hope to in the future, but I'm already a strong advocate for sustainability on campus, sexual violence and misconduct awareness and response, and I'm hoping to secure an position on the board of the Hill News, our university's newspaper. As for future career goals, I want to use my writing skills to enact change, and the best avenue I see for that is journalism. I hope to pursue a career primarily in environmental journalism, and I am planning on writing for a local environmentalist publication this summer called the Mountain Journal.

Thank you for this opportunity and your consideration of my application for the New England Railroad Club Scholarship.