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Girl Scout Scholarship Recipients Announced

Kansas Girl Scouts receive \$26,500 in scholarships

WICHITA – Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland is proud to announce that \$26,500 in scholarships has been awarded to eight Kansas Girl Scouts.

These scholarships, made possible through the George W. and Jayne S. Smith Scholarship Fund, recognize the leadership and service exhibited by Girl Scouts. Jayne Smith served as executive director of the Wichita Area Girl Scout Council for 28 years before retiring in 1979, and both George and Jayne Smith volunteered thousands of hours in support of Girl Scouts.

“These dedicated Girl Scouts exhibit courage, confidence and character, and make the world a better place,” said Liz Workman, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland. “Thanks to the generosity of George and Jayne Smith, \$26,500 in scholarships will benefit local girls who have worked hard to make a difference in their communities.”

Name	City	Education details	Scholarship
Ashton Baxa	Osborne	- Osborne High School, Class of 2018 - Plans to attend Hutchinson Community College	George & Jayne Smith Scholarship - \$3,000
Emily Bishop	Wichita	- The Independent School, Class of 218 - Plans to attend Western Washington University	George & Jayne Smith Scholarship - \$3,000
Maureen Botros	Wichita	- Home School, Class of 2018 - Plans to attend Stanford University	George & Jayne Smith Scholarship - \$3,000 Gold Award Scholarship - \$2,500
Cadence (Cade) Ciesielski	Valley Center	- Valley Center High School, Class of 2018 - Plans to attend Kansas State University	George & Jayne Smith Scholarship - \$3,000
Analyse Claude	Hays	- Hays High School, Class of 2018 - Plans to attend The University of Kansas	George & Jayne Smith Scholarship - \$3,000
Meredith Dumler	Wichita	- Wichita High School East, Class of 2018 - Plans to attend The University of Kansas	George & Jayne Smith Scholarship - \$3,000

Alicia Thurston	Wichita	- Wichita High School Northwest, Class of 2018 - Plans to attend Kansas State University	George & Jayne Smith Scholarship - \$3,000
Breanna Zarchan	Wichita	- Kapaun Mt. Carmel, Class of 2018 - Plans to attend Newman University	George & Jayne Smith Scholarship - \$3,000

In addition to receiving a George and Jayne Smith Scholarship, Maureen “Reeny” Botros, 18, of Wichita earned her Gold Award and accepted Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland’s \$2,500 Gold Award Scholarship. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn, Botros created Catwalk Coding, a series of weeklong technology camps aimed at elevating the conversation around girls’ success in STEM fields without compromising their feminine identity.

“Girl Scouts fosters a sisterhood of women and girls bonded by a shared aim to benefit their community through character development and service. Girl Scouts empowered me to take the initiative, to take action, to constantly ask ‘Why not me?’,” Botros said.

The Girl Scout Gold Award recognizes girls in grades 9 through 12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through Take Action projects that have a sustainable impact in their communities and beyond. To learn more about the Girl Scout Gold Award and Girl Scout Scholarships, go to kansasgirlscouts.org.

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About Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland serves more than 14,500 girls and adults in 80 Kansas counties through its operational headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and regional offices in Salina, Hays, Emporia and Garden City. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls’ healthy development and is the pre-eminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.