



## Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA) Scholarship Winners 2015-2016

### Region 1: Alyssa Sabel | [Oakfield High School](#)



Alyssa plans to attend UW Oshkosh and dual major in Elementary/Special Education.

*"I am a three-sport athlete playing volleyball, basketball, and softball. I have played these sports all four years in high school and since I was young. I have a younger sister and a younger brother who I enjoy spending time with. Some of my other hobbies are going hunting and spending time with my family and friends. My favorite color is purple and my favorite food is chicken Alfredo.*

*I want to become an Elementary or Special Education Teacher where I can make a difference in the lives of young kids."*

### Region 2: Natalie Gawron | [Black River Falls High School](#)



Natalie will be attending UW Green Bay as a Human Biology major with plans of continuing her education into graduate school for physical therapy.

*"In school, the subjects I enjoy the most are; Human Anatomy and Physiology, AP Biology, Law and Society, and also Introduction to Sociology. I am a member of National Honor Society, Student Senate, the track and field team, cross-country, jazz band, marching band, concert band and chamber choir. In the Black River Falls community, I enjoy volunteering in the summers at our local hospital, playing in our Black River Area Community Band, and am also active in 4-H as well as my church."*

### Region 3: Emily Amundson | [Frederic High School](#)



Emily will be attending UW River Falls to major in Mathematics Education.

At Frederic High school, Emily was involved in softball, basketball, bell choir, forensics, Kinship, and other activities.

**Region 4:** Alyssa Plemel | [Niagara High School](#)



Alyssa will be attending UW Madison to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

*“My time in high school has provided me with an extensive interest in mathematics and problem solving. I have also participated in leadership and service activities that have allowed me to positively influence and help others. A career in Biomedical Engineering will allow me to take advantage of my interest in mathematics while designing new and innovative medical equipment.”*

**At Large:** Jessica King | [De Soto High School](#)



Jessica plans to attend UW Eau Claire for Biology with a focus in pre-medicine.

*“For my entire life I lived along the banks of the Mississippi River in the small town of Stoddard, WI. I attended De Soto Middle and High school where I have been involved in multiple activities and clubs, some of my favorites being 4-H, FFA, Student Activity Council and Band.*

*I look forward to combining my individual love of science and the values taught by my rural school and community to make a positive impact in the future.”*