

Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA)

Scholarship Winners 2018-2019

Region 1: Lily Wagner | [Westfield High School](#)



My name is Lily Wagner and I am from Westfield, WI. Growing up on a small farm in this rural community has enabled me to develop a plethora of life skills, along with a value for agricultural practices. During my time at Westfield Area High School, I have been involved in cross country, basketball, track, and softball. I have also been active in band, choir, school musicals, forensics, math team, student council, and National Honor

Society. Outside of school, I am also involved in 4-H and my church. After high school, I will be attending UW-Madison on a pre-vet track with a plan to double major in Neurobiology and Spanish. I am extremely grateful for all the opportunities and experiences my rural community has allowed me to be involved in, and I know I will utilize the skills I have gained in college and beyond.

Region 2: Payton Zurfluh | [Albany High School](#)



My name is Payton Zurfluh and I am a senior at Albany High School. I will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall of 2019. I plan on pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and continuing my education to become a Physician Assistant. I am eager to make a difference in my community by helping treat, diagnose and save the lives of patients. Being able to attend a rural school these past four years has provided me an abundance of opportunities and relationships. I have been very active in NHS, Student Council, volleyball, and basketball while also volunteering in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, youth JCL basketball tournaments, The American Heart Association Heart Walk and Red Cross Blood Drives. Participating in these has given me the chance to learn vital roles such as teamwork, communication, support, honesty and loyalty while always pushing myself to be the best example to others. I am excited to take these skills that I have learned from my rural school and community and apply them in my future at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Region 3: Hunter Adams | [Bruce High School](#)



My name is Hunter Adams, and I am currently a senior at Bruce High School. Growing up in a rural community, surrounded by family and friends who have helped shape me into the person I am today, has truly been a blessing. I have enjoyed being active as a leader in my school, serving as class president, student council president, and the Lakeland Conference Honor Society president as well. Attending Badger Boys State last summer and being appointed Chief of Staff to the newly appointed governor there, was an amazing experience. You can often find me in the music room at school, or playing piano and singing at

many community events, as music is a passion of mine that has opened many doors for me to serve and be involved. Community service is very important to me. My time spent volunteering at our local hospitals has been very rewarding and has given me great experience in a medical setting. Playing football, forensics, drama club, community theater, community chorale, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and math club are some of the other activities that have rounded out my schedule. I am looking forward to attending UW-La Crosse in the fall, where I plan to major in finance and management, as well as complete a music minor. My dream is to

continue with my education in healthcare administration to become a hospital administrator someday.

Region 4: Alison Peters | [White Lake High School](#)



My name is Alison Peters and I am a senior at White Lake High School. Throughout high school I always strive to be the best I can be. I participated in many different activities through the years such as: Student Council, National Honor Society, Band, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, SADD, Yearbook, 4-H Member, and FFA Member. These activities have taught me lessons. I learned how to be a leader through 4-H and Student Council with being the president of both. Also, through these activities I have been able to give back to my community which is very important to me. Every year I put in at least 75 hours of community service. I have volunteered at my local food pantry and I have volunteered at our 4th of July Celebration. Along with these activities I have been honored to be one of the students that are on high honors. I have maintained a 3.9 GPA all through high school and with a finishing weighted GPA of 4.465. I was also named the Salutatorian of White Lake High School Class of 2019. After I graduate, I will be attending the University of Wisconsin-River Falls with a major in Animal Science. Once I have achieved my bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls I plan to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison Veterinary Medicine School to hopefully obtain my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree. This has been my dream from a very young age.

At Large Region 2: Ayden Fleeharty | [Kickapoo High School](#)



Next fall, I plan to attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to major in actuarial science, with a minor in accounting. Additionally, I will be competing for the UWEC Blugold Track and Field team. After obtaining both a degree in actuarial science and a suitable job, I hope to travel the world and someday open an adoption/rescue center for abandoned cats and dogs, all while continuing to advance my chosen career.