Congratulations to the 2022 PDSA College Scholarship Winners!

This year we had 23 applicants from the United States and Canada. We would like to extend our thanks to this year’s judges, Debbie Couture, Lib Elder, and Sharon Morgan for all their hard work in selecting this year’s winners from so many worthy applicants.

$1,500 Recipient
Natalie Maier
GASTONIA, NC
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA – CHAPEL HILL
“Being diagnosed with ITP at a young age, with all the challenges and hurdles it brought, was not ideal or wanted, but I can truly say I am grateful for the passion, drive, and sense of compassion that it has instilled in me.”

$1,000 Recipient
Amber Zeng
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES
“Having ITP taught me to treat myself with kindness, pick myself up after I fail, and keep moving forward. I have no intention of stopping now.”

$750 Recipient
Catherine Klapheke
ROCHESTER, NY
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
“I have found great strength in being a student-physician who has a chronic condition, in finding hope in the science, and support in the ITP community.”

$250 Book Award Recipients
Allyson Carter
HOUSTON, TX
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
“In the end, that is what ITP has given me: an opportunity to form relationships with others and a unique talent to comfort others.”

Genevieve Flanagan
PEORIA, IL
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
“I think something people could learn from my story is that you can always turn a bad situation into something good.”

Mackenzie Innis
PEKIN, IL
DRAKE UNIVERSITY
“Through this disorder, I’ve received so much help from so many different people, and I feel the need to give back and help others for all the help and care I have received.”

Annika Little
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
“Although many would expect that my experiences in the hospital would turn me off ever choosing to be in one, having ITP has inspired my passion for medicine and set me on a path to pursue it.”

Ria Marsh
DALLAS, TX
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
“I decided that ITP may be a part of my life, but ITP was not going to control my life…Through my experiences with ITP, I’ve formed my ambition to become a nurse.”

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