

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 PDSA College Scholarship Winners!

This year we had 47 applicants from the United States and Canada. We would like to extend our thanks to this year's judges, Lib Elder, Sharon Morgan, and the Winters for all their hard work in selecting this year's winners from so many outstanding applicants.

"I came to realize that having ITP isn't something to be ashamed of – it's something that has made me determined to test the limits of 'impossible', and that has allowed me to live a life that has inspired others to do the same."



\$6,000 Recipient

ELLA CASANO | Fairfield, Connecticut | Stanford University

"ITP not only brought me motivation but also compassion. Compassion for others dealing with invisible struggles, just like me. Putting myself in someone else's shoes made me less judgmental and, ultimately, more kind."



\$750 Recipient

DEREK HU | Clarksburg, Maryland | Duke University

"Living with a rare blood disorder has given me a personal understanding of adversity, resiliency and the need for advocacy. I believe in the importance of human interaction, with each other and the world around us."



\$1,500 Recipient

JOSH KELLY | Barrie, Ontario | Carleton University

"While ITP may have taken things from me, it also taught me lessons about resilience, perseverance, and the importance of self-compassion."



\$500 Recipient

MONICA SALZMAN | Forest Lake, Minnesota | University of North Dakota

"My condition has shaped my experiences and ambitions throughout my entire life. I'm pursuing a career in hematology so that, in the future, no one struggling with a blood disorder would have to feel how I felt from the sidelines or how I felt inside the back of that ambulance."



\$1,000 Recipient

MAI UENO | Denison, Texas | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"Living with a rare platelet disorder doesn't mean living without purpose. It has deepened my sense of responsibility to myself and others. I want to show that chronic illness can be a source of strength, not limitation."



\$500 Recipient

CAMERON STEPHENSON | Mickleton, New Jersey | Rutgers University School of Business – Camden

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