

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 PDSA College Scholarship Winners!

The PDSA College Scholarship Program, established in 2008, supports students living with ITP or other low platelet disorders who are pursuing higher education and has awarded more than \$48,000 to deserving recipients over the years.

This year we had 49 applicants from the United States and Canada, which is a new record for the PDSA College Scholarship Program. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to this year's judges, Lib Elder, Sharon Morgan, and the Winter Family for their time, dedication, and thoughtful work in selecting the winners from such an exceptional group of applicants.

"Though the financial and physical strain of managing ITP and Lupus persists as I enter my final year of the MSW program, these challenges only strengthen my unwavering commitment to my goals."



\$6,000 Recipient

KARLENE CARO | Santa Fe Springs, CA
California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)

"While ITP has brought much anxiety and disruption into my life, it has also given me empathy, determination, and clarity of purpose."



\$750 Recipient

ADDISON SUESS | Huntley, IL
University of Missouri – Columbia

"There weren't any pediatric ITP patients in our area but becoming a member of PDSA changed everything—I met people who were like me!"



\$1,500 Recipient

MADELEINE FIELDING | Austin, TX
University of Southern California

"Living with Immune Thrombocytopenia at a young age has shaped my outlook on life and helped guide my goals."



\$500 Recipient

JACK VOLK | East Moriches, NY
Florida Institute of Technology

"Looking back, ITP was a catalyst for my own self-discovery."



\$1,000 Recipient

JOHN BAXTER HERNACKI
Atlanta, GA | McGill University

"The rush of new information when learning about my disease sparked my interest in biology research and laboratory science."



\$500 Recipient

QUINTIN WILBER | Appleton, WI
University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point

HELP GROW PDSA'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

To help make a difference in the lives of students with ITP and other platelet disorders, you can donate to the PDSA College Scholarship Program. PDSA is a 501(c)(3) organization; all donations to the Scholarship Program are tax deductible. pdsa.org/scholarship-donation