

**2026 Snowmobile Friendly Community Awards—
Presented by Don Hamilton
Snowmobile Friendly Community Committee**

Lakewood, WI Snowmobile Friendly Town
Submitted by Paul Bunyan Riders Snowmobile
Club

Oakfield, WI Snowmobile Friendly Community
Submitted by Twin Oaks Snowmobile Club

Rhineland, WI Snowmobile Friendly City
Submitted by Rhineland Hodag Sno-Trails
Snowmobile Club

Forest County, WI Snowmobile Friendly County,
Submitted by Forest County Snowmobile
Alliance

Rusk County, WI Snowmobile Friendly County,
Submitted by Rusk County Snowmobile Alliance

Waupaca County, WI Snowmobile Friendly County,
Submitted by Waupaca County Snowmobile
Alliance



**AWSC Spring
Convention Banquet**

March 28, 2026

Oneida Hotel

Green Bay, WI



Saturday, March 28th, 2026

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Green Bay, WI**

Agenda

Welcome by Lori Heideman, President

Introduction of Head Table

Invocation

Buffet Line Opens—Tables Released

Recognition of Past Presidents

Presentation of President's Cup

Presentation of Scholarship Certificates

- Theresa Braudt, Scholarship Chair

Recognition of Retiring Directors and Reps

- Lori Heideman

Presentation of the Snowmobile Friendly

Community Awards

Don Hamilton

Snowmobile Friendly Community Committee

Recognition of Directors & Reps Presented by Lori Heideman, President

The Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs, Inc. would like to recognize and honor these outgoing or retiring Directors and Reps for their dedication and commitment to the sport of snowmobiling.

**Wayde Kreager
Marathon County Director
2018-2026**

**Ron Kucera
Brown County Director
2016-2026**

**Terry Merget
Rusk County Rep
2015-2025**

**Mike Pauers
Racine County Director
2023-2026**

**Jim Smedegard
Burnett County Rep
2011-2026**

2026 Scholarship Recipients Presentation—Cont.

ABIGAIL CLAUSEN—\$500 SCHWARTZ AND SHEA INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Abigail is a member of the Lena Snowdrifters, Oconto County and will be graduating from Oconto High School in May of 2026. Abigail plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Superior in the fall for Elementary Education. Abigail is the daughter of Ken and Alison Clausen.

KEITH GILLES—\$300 KEN'S SPORTS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Keith is a member of the Pleasant Valley Rough Riders, Eau Claire County and will be graduating from Memorial High School in May 2026. Keith plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the fall for a four year degree. Keith is the son of Tim and Shannon Gilles.

ALIYAH REESE - \$300 KEN'S SPORTS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Aliyah is a member of the Nichols Go-Getters, Outagamie County and will be graduating from Shiocton High School in May of 2026. Aliyah plans to attend Carroll University in the fall for Physical Therapy. Aliyah is the daughter of Eric and Randi Lea Reese.

ALEXIS BINGEN—\$300 KEN'S SPORTS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Alexis is a member of the Oberlanders Snowmobile Club, Dodge County and will be graduating from Dodgeland High School in May of 2026. Alexis plans to attend Carroll University in the fall for Nursing. Alexis is the daughter of Andy and Rachel Bingen.

JACK NICHOLAS—\$300 KEN'S SPORTS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Jack is a member of the Chute Pond Snowmobile Club, Oconto County and will be graduating from Appleton North High School in May of 2026. Jack plans to attend the University of North Dakota/Minnesota State University Mankato or the University of Dubuque in the fall for Commercial Pilot Program. Jack is the son of Jesse and Kim Nicholas.

COLT FOX—\$300 MANAWA SNODEO SCHOLARSHIP

Colt is a member of the Paint Creek Sno Goers, Chippewa County and will be graduating from Chippewa Falls High School in May of 2026. Colt plans to attend a 4 year college in the fall for Biochemistry. Colt is the son of Andy and Carrie Fetter.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented by Lori Heideman

Awarded to an individual or group that has gone above and beyond all expectations of the AWSC.

2025	Dave Newman	1995	Jim Saari
2024	The Volunteer Clubs	1994	Paul Statz
2023	Gary Hilgendorf	1993	Jim Gescheidle
2022	Mike Holden	1992	George Lendved
2021	Andy Malecki	1991	Howard Potter
2019	Lori Pohl	1990	Myron Herrick
2018	Sue Smedegard	1989	Jim Gescheidle
2017	Larry Erickson	1988	Dave & Joann Smith
2016	Don & Sue Hamilton	1986	Morris Nelson
2015	Cathy (Hanson) Krause	1985	Tom "Doc" Frye
2014	Morris Nelson	1984	Jerry Looker
2013	Jerry Wanty	1983	Augie & Pat Hafenstein
2012	Mary Holden	1982	Robert Staehler
2011	Donna White	1981	Art Sherren
2010	Orv Langohr	1980	
2009	Scott Makowski & Walter (Wally) Thill		
2008	Sam Landes		
2007	Dave Newman		
2006	Bill Schumann		
2005	AWSC Clubs – All Volunteers		
2004	Pat Hafenstein		
2003	Sam Landes		
2002	Cathy Hanson		
2001	Bill Pfaff		
2000	Mike Roiger		
1999	Morris Nelson		
1998	Marj Roach		
1997	Tommy Thompson		
1996	Dennis Sorenson		

2026 Scholarship Recipients Presentation
Presented by Theresa Braudt, Chair Scholarship Committee

CHLOE SCHROEDER—\$2,000 AWSC SCHOLARSHIP

Chloe is a member of the Chute Pond Snowmobile Club, Oconto County and will be graduating from Suring Public High School in May of 2026. Chloe plans to attend Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in the fall for Business. Chloe is the daughter of Chris and Crystal Schroeder.

ABBY BEY—\$2,000 COMPARION INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Abby is a member of the Plover Spuds on Snow, Portage County. Abby graduated from Pacell High School and plans on attending Ellsworth Community College in the fall for Equine Studies. Abby is the daughter of Tom and Trish Bey.

HALLE LAABS—\$1,500 DAN BELLERUD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Halle is a member of the Trailmates Snowmobile Club, Marathon County and will be graduating from Marathon High School in May of 2026. Halle plans to attend University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in the fall for Clinical Laboratory with a Pre-med emphasis. Halle is the daughter of Jeff and Heather Laabs.

AUDREY PLZAK—\$1,500 ERIC R SHAFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Audrey is a member of the Southern Door Snow Travelers, Door County and will be graduating from Southern Door High School in May of 2026. Audrey plans to attend University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in the fall for English Education. Audrey is the daughter of Christopher and Robin Plzak.

ADDISON GAGAS—\$1,500 ERIC R SHAFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Addison is a member of the Polonia Sno-Bo's, Portage County and will be graduating from Rosholt High School in May of 2026. Addison plans to attend a two year technical college. Addison is the daughter of Jason and Amie Gagas.

SARAH WAGNER—\$1,500 ERIC R SHAFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah is a member of the Sussex Sled Bugs, Waukesha County and will be graduating from Hamilton High School in June of 2026. Sarah plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the fall for Agribusiness. Sarah is the daughter of Andy and Nicole Wagner.

LAUREN CARLSON—\$1,000 AWSC SCHOLARSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Lauren is a member of the Lake Pepin Sno-Dusters, Pepin County and will be graduating from Pepin High School in May of 2026. Lauren plans to attend Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in the fall for Biology. Lauren is the daughter of Travis and Shelly Carlson.

2026 Scholarship Recipients Presentation—Cont.

ALANAH KAYE—\$1,000 DUWAYNE KREAGER INSURANCE CENTER SCHOLARSHIP

Alanah is a member of the Southern Door Travelers, Door County and will be graduating from Southern Door High School in May of 2026. Alanah plans to attend University Wisconsin-LaCrosse in the fall for Business/ Actuarial Science. Alanah is the daughter of Mike and Kristy Kaye.

**SOPHIA HUSS—\$1,000 HIAWATHA SNO-CHIEFS BOB GRUBE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Sophia is a member of the Freedom Trailblazers, Outagamie County and will be graduating from Freedom High School in May of 2026. Sophia plans to attend Marian University in the fall for Elementary Education. Sophia is the daughter of Jeff and Michelle Huss.

SPENCER CONLON—\$1,000 J F BRENNAN SCHOLARSHIP

Spencer is a member of Silver Creek Sno-Odders, Fond du Lac County and will be graduating from Ripon High School in May of 2026. Spencer plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College in the fall for Cybersecurity and Computer Programming. Spencer is the son of Pat and Tami Conlon.

SAMUEL PETERSON—\$1,000 ROME SNO BANDITS SCHOLARSHIP

Samuel is a member of the Lena Snowdrifters, Oconto County and will be graduating from Lena High School in May of 2026. Samuel plans to attend University of Wisconsin-River Falls in the fall for Ag-business and Dairy Science. Samuel is the son of John and Jessica Peterson.

LANEY CARLTON—\$500 FESA SCHOLARSHIP

Laney is a member of the Arnott Area Star Riders, Portage County and will be graduating from Almond-Bancroft High School in May of 2026. Laney plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse/University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall for Kinesiology, on the pre-physical or occupational therapy track. Laney is the daughter of Sheldon and Amy Carlton.

ALIVIA BAEHMAN—\$500 KAOS SCHOLARSHIP

Alivia is a member of the Hill and Valley Riders, Outagamie County and will be graduating from Seymour Community High School in May of 2026. Alivia plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the fall for Wildlife Ecology. Alivia is the daughter of Seth and Lisa Baehman.