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When I have practiced my skills in the field of broadcast journalism, I have truly felt for the first time what I believe others to mean when they speak of passion. My fascination with the mechanisms of government and political systems here and abroad has been given a haven in which to flourish whenever I have the opportunity to act as a news reporter.

I hail from the small town of Lawrence, Michigan where the tight-knit nature of our community and its environment have helped to foster my appreciation for common understanding and respect. In today's world, aiming to become a Washington correspondent will place me in the path of potentially difficult conversations that may include controversial and divisive topics. My community and my commitment to fair journalistic ethics and practices have, I believe, prepared me for such challenges in the field in which I have every intention of being the best possible contributor to our Democratic system. With the help of this scholarship, I have the goal of eventually becoming a fair, honest reporter who carries interest as well as unimpeachable trust among the American public and who presents the facts in a way that allows said public to construct informed views for themselves - as is a journalist's role. This year, I look forward to further honing my skills to best prepare me for whatever path may lie ahead.

The support and the trust in my future success associated with this award mean more to me than I can express. With the help of your immeasurably kind willingness to contribute to my pursuits, fiscal concerns surrounding my education will be substantially less pronounced and allow me to focus much more on working toward being the best candidate I can be for my future career path. I put everything I possibly can into my career, and your support toward my dream is incredibly and wholeheartedly appreciated. Thank you.



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I'm currently studying Multimedia Journalism at Grand Valley State with a minor in writing. I'm from Holland, MI, went to Holland Public and graduated in 2017. From there, I spent 6 months traveling and then three semesters at Grand Rapids Community College. I have a passion for culture, diversity, and underprivileged areas. I want to pursue my Masters in Journalism after Grand Valley at a larger university in a larger city like Chicago or New York City. Before I graduate, I intend to get an internship at a local news station or publication like Grand Rapids Press/ Magazine. This upcoming year, I am looking forward to being in person and getting a closer connection with my professors. My favorite part of Grand Valley so far has been building connections with professors and having the chance to learn directly from them one on one. Lastly, I am looking forward to writing for The Lanthorn and being a consultant at the writing center! I am so incredibly grateful to receive this scholarship. This award not only makes me feel validated and honored, but makes me feel like my education here at Grand Valley State University is valuable. The impact this makes on my financial situation for the upcoming year is tremendous and I can't wait to continue exploring and learning all about the world of journalism and someday become the journalist I want to become. Thank you so much!



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I came to GVSU because it was close to home and I heard a lot of good things about it. I originally wasn't going to apply, but my mom told me it wouldn't hurt to do so. I am so glad that I did. Throughout my time at GVSU, I strived to work as hard as I could because I knew that the opportunity to go to college was special. My goal was to not only work hard academically, but also participate in extracurriculars.

Through the generosity of the Robert Nelson Foundation Scholarship, I am able to finish out my senior year. Through this scholarship, and my part-time job, I am able to finish college without the burden of not knowing how I will pay for it. Thank you so much for providing an education for me!

Thank you!

Chris





Elizabeth Schanz

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Hi I'm Elizabeth Schanz! I am from West Bloomfield, MI and am starting my second year at Grand Valley State University and am junior standing. I am a double major in Dance and Multimedia Journalism and additionally want to pursue a minor in History. I have had an amazing experience at GVSU thus far from meeting new people, interacting with amazing faculty, and exploring places in West Michigan. Some things I love to do are dancing in the GVSU dance department, writing for The Lanthorn, and painting in my free time. I hope to continue to grow as a person and student throughout this year!

I am immensely grateful for this scholarship. It feels so incredible to be honored and supported by a group of generous individuals. There is so much more I want to do and so much of my life I still have yet to write. By having this opportunity you all have given me tools to accomplish all I want to do and beyond. The faith you have put in me inspires me to continue to reach for my dreams, thank you.

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