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WCBVI Announces 2026 Scholarship Recipients

The Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired is pleased to announce this year's Council Scholarship recipients.

Each year, WCBVI award scholarships to students from around Wisconsin who are blind or low vision and will be enrolled in post-secondary education in the fall. Past recipients have used the scholarship funds in a variety of ways to help fuel their college experience. In addition to typical costs like tuition, books and housing, students with vision loss take on a variety of additional expenses, such as adaptive devices and access technology. Transportation barriers force many students to use more expensive alternatives to get around.

"We were so pleased by the number of well-qualified students who applied this year, several of them first-time applicants," says Executive Director Denise Jess. "It's a privilege to be able to help a group of blind and low vision students pursue their postsecondary goals each year as they work their way toward academic and career success."

This year's recipients are:

Jasmine Bertschy – Janesville – UW-Whitewater at Rock County

Emma Bjurquist - Prairie Du Chien – UW-Whitewater

Anntrice Brown – Milwaukee – UW-Milwaukee

Violet Clark – Omro – UW-Oshkosh

Mackenzie Karbash – Delavan - Carroll University

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Bennett Lehman – Jefferson – UW-Whitewater

Mayah McWherter – Sheboygan – UW-Whitewater

Kaylee Mueller – Green Bay – UW-Green Bay

Anders Ovesen - Mt Pleasant – UW-Parkside

Photos of this year's recipients are available upon request.

Founded in 1952, the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired is an independent nonprofit that promotes the dignity and empowerment of people in Wisconsin who are blind or low vision through advocacy, education and vision services. To learn more about the Council, visit www.WCBlind.org.

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