

# Educational Grant Recipients 2025

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### Sophia E.

attends Connecticut State Community College @ Tunxis. Sophia is a wife and mother with two children whom she has home schooled. Her goal is to become a dental hygienist. She has an extensive resume of volunteer work through Wesleyan University and also international service in Yemen and Jordan. She lives in Middletown.



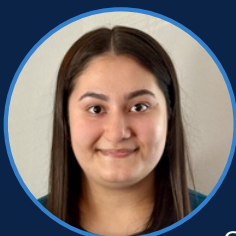
### Ava Frost

attends Providence College, majoring in Elementary and Special Education. She has been nominated to enter the Leadership Fellows Program at Providence College providing a leadership role at the school. Ava lives in Deep River and her community service includes the Interact Club, leading and initiating different fundraisers as well as the Essex Housing Authority and Buddy Track and Field.



### Lauren Harton

is currently attending the University of Connecticut School of Business, majoring in Analytics and Information Management with a concentration in IT Security and Artificial Intelligence. Once she has completed her degree and necessary certifications, plans to become cybersecurity analyst. She is passionate about web development, digital privacy and ethical hacking. She lives in Clinton.



### Aisha Hashim

is currently in the pre-med program at the University of Connecticut (UConn) at the Avery Point campus and lives in Groton. In the fall she will transfer to the UConn Storrs campus. She is an Allied Health Sciences major with a minor in Molecular and Cell Biology.



### Victoria (Tori) Jones

lives in Old Saybrook and attends Southern Connecticut State University. She is in the Environmental Systems and Sustainability Studies program. Tori is minoring in Marine Studies to expand her knowledge of ocean ecosystems and coastal conservation. Together, these programs support her goal of pursuing a career in environmental science focused on sustainability, coastal conservation, and community-based conservation initiatives.



### Sage Lepore

lives in Ivoryton and currently attends the University of Vermont, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She is majoring in Public Communications with a concentration in Strategic Communications and minoring in Health and Society. As a public communication major with a minor in health and society, she is interested in blending these skills.



### Arya Pandya

attends the University of Connecticut School of Business, majoring in marketing. Arya and her family recently moved to the United States from India and live in Jewett City. She is working to strengthen her understanding of consumer behavior, branding, digital strategy, and data-driven decision-making. She is currently serving as Content and Ideation head for MAHS - Menstrual Awareness, Hygiene and Sanitization, a non-profit in Gujarat, India aiming to bring menstrual and related hygiene awareness in the rural areas of India.



### Kayla Roy

is attending the University of Connecticut School of Nursing and has been accepted into the Urban Service Track that allows her to go out into the community clinics and help the underserved while furthering her skills. She plans to work in a hospital, clinic, or family practice office, in an area that allows her to help the underserved. She lives in Waterford.