

**Wisconsin Cervid Farmers' Foundation (W.C.F.F.)**, which is the educational arm of **Whitetails of Wisconsin (W.O.W.)**, announced a \$750 scholarship was awarded to Hunter McAlpine at the W.O.W. Annual Spring Meeting previously held at The Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin March 18, 2023. According to W.C.F.F., Hunter is one of four winners selected this year. The applicant is the son of Luke and Renee McAlpine W.O.W. members since 2019 and owners of Hogsback Ranch.

Luke attended Gilman High School and is currently studying Wildlife Ecology at UW-Stevens Point. Behind Hunter's success includes growing up on a farm and around a family who always hunted. He was introduced to farm, game and hunting at an early age. He learned how the farm chores had to be done before going deer or goose/duck hunting. Every fall he is in the mindset about which deer I want to hunt for, which deer should be harvested so the herd can have a higher quality of antler growth within the herd which is a constant challenge.

Hunter's goal is to major in Wildlife Ecology, Wildlife Biologist with a first choice in waterfowl and second choice whitetail deer. Wildlife Manager or Habitat Manager are a couple options as well. Hunter has taught hunting skills to other youth, earning great respect for helping others and has been inducted into the Boone and Crocket record book already.

W.O.W. is an association representing an industry that has an annual economic impact on Wisconsin's economy of \$75 million. W.O.W. is a political voice for approximately 400 deer breeders in Wisconsin. They represent the deer industry by working closely with state and federal legislators and regulatory agencies to develop rules and regulations that govern the deer industry.

**W.C.F.F. dedicates the promotion of deer farming and ranching as an agricultural pursuit. The Foundation serves its members through educational programs, research and publications providing industry leadership while maintaining quality industry standards.**