

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 Brooke Thiex 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., Brooke is one of four winners selected this year. The applicant is a child of Shannon and Kris Thiex, lifetime members of W.O.W. since 2006.

Brooke attended Bowler High School and is a junior in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program for a BSN degree with a pediatric specialty at UW-Green Bay. Behind Brooke's college success includes a continual 3.9 GPA, maintaining a high honor roll status and position at the top of her class. Brooke works part-time at a hospital near her school as a CNA and participates in the LAUNCH Program designed set up for future nurses. Brooke's goal is to help people in rural communities receive quality healthcare without having to drive hours to get it. Her professors are impressed with her passion for nursing, professionalism, initiative, care towards her peers and critical thinking skills.

She believes her love for medicine began by helping her father handle and run deer for artificially inseminating, chipping or medicine, by learning the art of drawing up the medications, measuring into the syringes and injecting into the proper muscle.

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.