

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 Sophia Drier 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., Sophia is one of four winners selected this year. The applicant is a grandchild of Bob and Elva Drier, W.O.W. members since 2010.

Sophia attended Gilman High School and is currently studying Business Marketing at UW-LaCrosse. Behind Sophia's success included being her high school Class Salutatorian and currently being on the Dean's List two consecutive semesters. She is grateful for growing up on the farm where she learned how to care for things, what it means to be helpful and always giving 100%. Sophia's high school Mathematics Teacher wrote that she is a highly intelligent young lady who is an organized model student and that she was more than willing to help other students. Another teacher that taught Information Technology Academy to earn her 15 college credits wrote that Sophia was honest, dependable and incredibly hard-working. Sophia's goal is to be a Sales Representative for Vet Supply or pharmaceuticals.

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.