



APOLLOS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



CAROLINE GRINDROD



**Mount Pleasant, SC; Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
Princeton Theological Seminary, Middler**

According to Caroline's mentor, "Caroline has an innate ability to advocate for anyone and everyone she comes into contact with, with the ultimate goal of them knowing how loved, seen, and cherished they are by Jesus. Her speaking/teaching ability is excellent, and she does a great job of making the gospel feel real and approachable."

SARAH RUTHERFORD

**Plano, TX; Grace Presbytery
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Junior**

Sarah's pastor noted her robust engagement in the community, working with vulnerable youth and hungry populations and went on to say, "In her future vocation, Sarah will spend a lifetime caring for, spiritually guiding, and walking with people in the triumphs and challenges of life. As a former recipient of this scholarship, and now serving as Sarah's pastor, mentor, and supervisor, I am proud to highly recommend Sarah for this scholarship for I know she will be the exceptional, devoted, and faith-filled Presbyterian pastor that our communities and world so desperately need."



VERONICA OTA



**Altadena, CA; San Gabriel Presbytery
Princeton Theological Seminary, Middler**

Veronica shared, "One of the biggest challenges the church faces today is irrelevance. The church becomes irrelevant to people when it does not prophetically proclaim the truth of God's love for all creation and when it fails to bear witness to that guiding principle of faith through service, advocacy, and activism. If people come to understand and accept the gift of God's abundant grace that we are all given, we realize that we have a shared calling to love God and one another. True love is not only a feeling; it is an action."

HANNAH MILLER

**Richmond, VA; Presbytery of the James
Union Presbyterian Seminary, Middler**

In her early twenties, Hannah served on the personnel committee and as a deacon in her home church. She says that her own experience of finding community led her to a commitment of deep welcome, particularly for those who question whether they belong. Most recently, she has turned her attention to youth ministry, where she has “felt especially drawn to helping every student know their value both to each other and as a child of God.”



OLIVIA KING



**Forked River, NJ; Presbytery of the Coastlands
Princeton Theological Seminary, Final Semester of dual
MDiv/MACEF**

Olivia’s undergraduate degree is in sacred music from Westminster Choir College. She says, “Throughout the years, I had the joy of worshipping God through different musical activities in the church, like its children, teen, and adult choirs and handbell ensemble. Through these musical offerings, my faith in the Lord was nurtured and strengthened, and the seed of calling to ministry was placed deep within the soil of my heart . . . [and inspired] me to create meaningful worship experiences in my future congregation for . . . the full-embodied expression of praise to God.”

ERIN TOLAR

**Asheville, NC; Western North Carolina Presbytery
Columbia Theological Seminary, Senior**

“Successes in the life of the Church often stem from the seemingly small things that are actually quite important: a well-placed word of encouragement, a prayer at the beginning of a meeting, inviting a new member to be involved in a project, taking the extra time to explain why we do things in a certain way. Moments of conflict may also come from “small” moments of missed opportunities, lost tempers in conversation, or leaving someone out . . . I’m the type of leader who pays careful attention to the needs of individual people and how each person can find and claim their belonging within a church community.”

