

# Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference



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**Bemidji, MN (May 4, 2022)** - The Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference (NMRC) is pleased to announce the inaugural recipients of our NMRC Scholarship Program.

The NMRC strongly believes that we should not only support our students while in HS but that we should do what we can to ensure that they have life long success. We want robotics to have a lasting and positive effect that students find life changing. While we support students in many forms, we would also like to assist well deserving students from our region in a financial capacity as they pursue their passions professionally during their post-secondary education.

We are pleased to be awarding funds to support students through two primary scholarships on an annual basis. The first of these is our *General Scholarship* (\$500) which is open to any student participating in robotics from our service area. Students can pursue any career or area of interest they have during post secondary education. This could be a traditional four year institution, two year institutions such as community or technical colleges, or a (industry standard/professionally recognized) trade program or certification.

The second scholarship we award is our *General Scholarship for Under-represented Groups*. (\$500) This scholarship is guided by the same criteria as the aforementioned *General Scholarship* but exists to specifically address the needs of underrepresented groups. It is our goal to do all we can to assist students as they work towards obtaining a career that will allow them to be contributors to our vibrant communities.

This year's NMRC *General Scholarship* award winner is **Abigail Johnson**.

Abigail is a member of the robotics team at Bemidji HS, team #4674 the *RoboJacks*. She has plans on pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering and business management.

In the essay portion of her submission she wrote about her experiences in FIRST robotics saying...

*"One of the greatest outcomes of being a part of the robotics team was the impact I could make on people on the team and in our community... This experience has helped me find who I am and motivated me to help those around me find their passions.... I hope I pass on my knowledge and love for robotics to those who come after me."*

Former head coach Chris Conway, in a letter of recommendation, praised her personal attributes including her leadership ability, commitment to the team, and her hunger to succeed.

*"Based on her diverse and well-rounded background and unparalleled work ethic, I know with any adversity that may arise in her life, she holds all the skills that will allow her to not only succeed but excel at whatever she chooses."*

This year's NMRC *General Scholarship for Under-represented Groups* award winner is **Lukas Hruby**.

Lukas is a member of the robotics team from Warroad HS, team #2883 F.R.E.D. Robotics.

In Lukas' submission essay submission he spoke repeatedly about sharing what he has learned and giving back to the very programs that taught him so much throughout his time at Warroad being involved with robotics at many levels.

*"When one person works alone, it's difficult for others to learn from that person... robotics functions as a team... and being on a team to me means working together... spreading the knowledge to new members on the team so that the team can be successful for years to come."*

Warroad head coach Jeremey Cullerton, in a letter of recommendation, spoke repeatedly of how Lukas contributes to building a teamwork focussed culture with passing knowledge and opportunity on to others.

*"He is a leader, he will do any job and help with anything that makes the team stronger as a whole... This student has an irrefutable reputation... has a great aptitude for working independently but does shine with group work as he brings a great attitude and an infectious personality. "*

On behalf of all our member teams and our students the NMRC would like to thank all of those individuals and organizations who have made contributions to the scholarship fund. If you would like to learn more about the application process or support the NMRC scholarship fund please visit the scholarship page on our website at [www.nmrconference.org/nmrc-scholarship](http://www.nmrconference.org/nmrc-scholarship)

Respectfully,



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