The Bill Nelson Scholarship Endowment has awarded two scholarships, each in the amount of $1,500. The recipients are Jillian Andrews of Mesa, Arizona, and Alyssa Kane of Santa Claus, Indiana.

Jillian Andrews
University of Arizona

Jillian Andrews is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Creative Writing with minors in Spanish and Political Science at University of Arizona. She is expected to graduate in May 2012. After graduation, Jillian is planning on joining the Peace Corps in order to contribute to the education of children in a third world country. Jillian plans on pursuing a Masters of Fine Arts Degree during and following her tour overseas.

Jillian serves on the Executive Board of the Residence Hall Association as the National Communications Coordinator. She is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Arizona Blue Chip Leadership Program. She has also taken on the role as campus tour guide with the Honor’s College Ambassador’s Program to share her positive experiences at the University of Arizona with prospective students.

Ms. Andrews has received numerous awards and scholarships including Wildcat Excellence Award, RHA Bronze Pin, NRHH Outstanding Leadership Service Award, and the American Legion Scholar Award. Ms. Andrews’ father, Jeff, is employed by Desert Extrusion Corporation.

Alyssa Kane
University of Southern Indiana

Alyssa Kane graduated from Heritage Hills High School in May 2010. She has decided to enter the medical field and pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a double major in Nursing and Nutrition at the University of Southern Indiana.

Alyssa has been awarded several scholarships and awards in the past, such as the Positive Citizen Award from St. Nicholas Church, Dale Fall Festival Pageant Scholarship, and the Academic Excellence Scholarship from the University of Southern Indiana.

While in high school, Alyssa was enjoying cheerleading, was a member of the National Honor Society and School Youth Group, and participated in school musicals. She enjoys singing and volunteers to sing at local churches and nursing homes. Ms. Kane’s father, Michael, is employed by Stens Corporation.

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