**The 2022 Scholarship Award Recipients**

**Dakota Blackburn • Columbia College**

“For future applicants for this scholarship, I would tell them to be more confident, because I was definitely nervously doubting myself. I would also advise them to be their full selves, and don’t be afraid to talk about your accomplishments, because that’s also something that makes up who you are as a person.”

**Katherine Boland • Illinois State University**

“Be very honest. Showing your character and your accomplishments will help you with any scholarship opportunity.”

**Trevor Duffy • Joliet Junior College**

“My advice to future scholarship applicants would be to never give up. While life can be challenging at times, don’t ever let epilepsy try to define the person you can be. Persevere and be your own advocate. Always have a good sense of humor because laughter is the best medicine!”

**Julia Glaser • College of DuPage**

“I am honored to be a recipient of the 2022 James Davies Scholarship from the EFGC! I am going to College of DuPage and then I will transfer to a 4 year university to complete a Bachelor’s degree in Business/Marketing. My advice for potential scholarship applicants is to be persistent and explore all different areas of study and outside interests in high school. The more experiences you have, the more doors will open to you in your future that you can’t imagine now. The possibilities are endless!”

**Alex Goldstein • University of Missouri**

“Be confident in yourself – don’t be afraid to put yourself out there. Build strong relationships with your teachers, get involved in your community, and embrace what makes you unique. While this wasn’t the type of person I was throughout the entirety of my high school career, it's someone I am learning how to become, and I hope that will help me make the most of my time in college.”

**Rebecca LaMont • Western Illinois University**

“The advice I would like to give to future applicants is to tell people who you really are, never be afraid of what others are going to say about you. Stay true to yourself and always love you for you. Stay an Epilepsy Warrior and never let anyone or anything bring you down.”

**Luke Macgruder • University of Minnesota Rochester**

“Be authentic! Whether it’s when you’re applying for scholarships like this one or just in ordinary situations, be yourself. It helps way more than faking it. Speak truthfully and kindly, and be real!”

**Devin Mulcrone • Duke University**

“I would advise future scholarship applicants to start as early as they can and to stay true to themselves throughout the admissions process. It is important that colleges see your true self, so painting an accurate picture of your entire self is very important towards enabling colleges to understand you and your own unique story.”