

Application for Studebaker national foundation scholarship.

My name is Graham Noblett, and I am applying for this year's Studebaker National Foundation scholarship. I have received this scholarship in the past and it has greatly helped me to pay my annual tuition bill. However, this year, the financial assistance would be put to particularly good use. Last December, I had the great misfortune of being in a serious car accident involving my beloved 1961 Lark. The accident left me with broken kneecaps (which have largely healed by now), and my dreams crushed. My Studebaker was my pride and joy, and now it sits badly wrecked. I plan to fix it, but it will take a lot of time and money to rebuild a car so wrecked as mine is now. Frank Wenzel has been very kind as to gift a 1962 Lark project to me, and I have been slowly gathering parts and tinkering on it to bring it back to roadworthy condition. Between these two cars, I will have a lot to do, and some substantial expenses related to fixing them both up. Any financial help that I can put toward the cost of my education here at McPherson college will go a long way to helping me to save these two cars. As I have said before, much of why I am going to college here at McPherson is to gain as many skills as I can to go about saving more of these neglected and forgotten old cars. Cars like Larks and other Studebakers are often overlooked by many collectors and enthusiasts alike for not being particularly special. I hate to see so many cars like these rust away because no one else wants to take the time to save them. The catch of course is, it is difficult to make much money saving the sorts of cars that few people particularly want to own. I have seen countless cars in my travels that I have wanted to rescue, but it simply doesn't make financial sense for me to do so. This scholarship would go towards my tuition but would give me the financial means to rescue another car if the right car happened to come along. I have already learned so much from studying here at McPherson College. From sheetmetal fabrication and engine work to paint and bodywork, I have acquired many skills related to resurrecting classic cars. I have also learned quite a bit about managing my finances for projects and staying more organized in my working habits. I have much to learn yet, but I am well on my way. My education already has and continues to make me better at what I do and will help me to be more successful when I begin my career in restoration.