



# AFSA - IRS

## NEWSLETTER



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Scholarship 2025

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**The AFSA-IRS Board of Directors and the Scholarship Chairperson are happy to announce the winners of the 2025 AFSA Scholarships.**



### **SCHOLARSHIP 2025**

Greetings and salutations from Helotes, Texas!!!

CONGRATULATIONS 2025 Scholarship Recipients

**Hope to see you at the 2025 AFSA-IRS Convention, in San Antonio, TX**

**Have a magnificent day!**

**Adieu,**

**~ Mary ~**

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**AFSA-IRS currently administers two scholarship programs, the James F. Howe, Sr./Frank Fotinatos Scholarship and the AFSA-IRS Memorial Scholarship.**

The **James F. Howe, Sr./Frank Fotinatos Memorial Scholarship** was established and initially totally funded by William R. Schroeder, President, Madison Associates, Inc. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide a scholarship to qualified children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews of current AFSA members. This scholarship was established in the memory and honor of **James F. Howe, Sr. and Frank Fotinatos**, deceased AFSA members and former employees of Madison Associates, Inc. Its purpose was to memorialize the character, integrity, and dedication that Mr. Howe and Mr. Fotinatos exemplified and to serve as a model to those who follow him in a law enforcement career. The Howe/Fotinatos Scholarship program continues to be funded almost entirely by donations from William R. Schroeder. It is also supplemented by donations made from AFSA members and interest earned on the account administered by AFSA.

**The 2025 Howe/Fotinatos Scholarship Recipients are:**

**Vianne Villa  
Austin Arsenault**

The **AFSA-IRS Memorial Scholarship** program was established to provide funds for a scholarship to qualified children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews of current (approved) members of the Association. Funds for the program are funded entirely by donations and interest earned on the account.

**The 2025 AFSA-IRS General Scholarship Recipients are:**

Cameron Harris  
Tyler Kuehn  
Charlotte Kutz,  
Julia Vilhard  
Brianna Giangrasso  
Ariel Gogley

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**VIANNE VILLA**



**Vianne Villa will be attending St. Xavier University in Chicago, Illinois beginning in the fall of 2025. She is a recent graduate of St. Laurence High School, where she ranked in the top 20 of her graduating class. She is an Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society member and played 3 varsity sports: volleyball, lacrosse and basketball; while maintaining a 4.5 GPA. Vianne received 2 prestigious awards at graduation: the Gold Medal for Athletic Proficiency/Scholastic Achievement and the Gold Medal for Student Leadership. Vianne plans to major in Accounting with hopes of becoming an IRS agent someday. Vianne lives in Chicago, Illinois with her parents: Mike and Kim and sisters: Nina, Cloe and Jenna.**

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## AUSTIN ARSENAULT



**My name is Austin Arsenault, and I am incredibly honored to have been selected for the James F. Howe, Sr. and Frank Fotinatos Scholarship Award. I have recently graduated from Shiloh Christian High School in Springdale, Arkansas, and will be attending the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, this fall. I graduated from high school while earning 50+ college credit hours, playing varsity baseball, maintaining a 4.2 GPA, and working at Tidal Wave Auto Spa car wash.**

**I plan to double major in accounting and supply chain management, and pursue a master's degree in business to become a special agent for the IRS-CI, like my father.**

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## CAMERON RYAN HARRIS



Cameron Ryan Harris is a sophomore accounting student at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T). Cameron maintains a 3.93 GPA. He is an NCA&T Honors Program scholar and was recently inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Cameron effectively balances his focus on scholastic achievement with his involvement in extracurricular and community service activities. He is sincerely honored to be selected as a recipient of the prestigious AFSA-IRS Memorial Scholarship.

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## TYLER (TJ) KUEHN



“Tyler (TJ) Kuehn is beginning his second year at Purdue University, pursuing a degree in Nursing through the College of Health and Human Sciences. A John Martinson Honors student with a background in pre-med and medical lab sciences, he is committed to a career in healthcare that blends compassion, research, and service. At Purdue, he is actively involved in undergraduate research detecting heavy metals in food and organic samples and volunteers at Food Finders Food Bank to support families in need.

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## CHARLOTTE KUTZ



"Charlotte Kutz is a rising senior at Towson University, majoring in Music with a concentration in classical voice and double minoring in Music Industry and Business, Communications, and Liberal Arts (BCLA). As a music student, she balances practicing and performing solo repertoire, a full class schedule, and multiple jobs and internships. She is well-versed in several genres of music: opera, art song, jazz standard, and the American Songbook. In addition, she has written over 120 original songs and owns the copyrights to 2. Charlotte is passionate about becoming a great musician and contributing to the progression of the arts. She intends to continue her studies at the graduate level for Opera Performance and Arts/Business Administration.

Charlotte would like to thank the Association of Former Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service for recognizing her efforts in education. She would also like to thank her professors, friends, and family for their endless support."

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## JULIA VILLHARD



My name is Julia Villhard, and I am a recipient of the AFSA-IRS Memorial Scholarship Award. My dad, George, is a retired special agent in the IRS-CID. In May, I graduated from Cor Jesu Academy with Honors. While there, I was involved in the National Honor Society, Admission Ambassadors, and Summer Business Experience. I also played basketball and recently led my lacrosse team to a state championship. Through the Summer Business Experience, I was chosen to return the next summer as an Intern for The International Companies. This internship provided me hands-on experience as well as introduced me to the multiple divisions that a business needs to be successful. This fall, I will be attending the University of Missouri and majoring in Business-Marketing. After college, I hope to pursue a career in medical sales.



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## BRIANNA GIANGRASSO



My name is Bri and I am going into my junior year at Boston University. I study Mechanical Engineering and will be a Resident Assistant this upcoming semester. At Boston University, I am also a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity, and participate in public works, professional skills workshops, and internal community building (in which I hope to pick up a “little” this semester). I have many passions, primarily music, art, volunteering, and fitness. Rejoining service initiatives I was a part of last year in Boston, and being of help to fellow students as an RA are two of the things I look forward to upon returning. I am also excited to continue my academic journey and learn how to be an engineer so that I may help people in the future through mechanical means. Thank you to the AFSA-IRS for helping fund my education so that I may continue to learn and incorporate my interests into meaningful pursuits!

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## ARIEL GOGLEY



**Ariel Gogley** is a freshman at the University of Louisiana Monroe, where she is majoring in Exercise Science/Kinesiology and competing as a walk-on member of the volleyball team. A former nationally ranked figure skater turned All-District volleyball player, Ariel discovered her calling through personal injury and her family's legacy in law enforcement. The daughter of two retired IRS-CI Special Agents, she is passionate about helping athletes, first responders, and veterans recover and thrive through physical therapy and strength training. Ariel has held leadership roles both on and off the court, volunteered extensively through her church and community, and maintained a 4.22 GPA while pursuing bilingual fluency in Spanish. She hopes to continue her education in graduate school and build a career that blends science, service, and strength.

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