



Christenson Memorial Scholarship

Zach Hopkins

Biology Teaching Composite, Sophomore

A few things about me:

I am deeply honored to receive the Christenson Memorial Scholarship for my junior year at Utah State University. The field of biology continues to fascinate me, and I am encouraged by my learning every day in working towards my goal to teach biology to high school students.

My higher education experience started in the Huntsman College of Business. I participated in the Koch Scholar Program, am currently an Honors student, and fully intend to graduate with Honors. I am currently conducting research on water markets and western United States water issues, as well as how disincentives to business development on the Navajo Reservation have contributed to poverty and unemployment for Navajo residents. I have been invited to present the latter research at the Association of Private Enterprise Education conference, and will be doing so this coming week in Cancun, Mexico.

I intend to continue research, and have a goal to conduct biological as well as education policy research. This scholarship is a great stepping stool for me to accomplish these things. As a future teacher, I truly believe that a background in research will be invaluable as I share material with students. It will help to show them the amazing diversity that exists in *all* fields of study. I thank you once again for this incredibly generous award, and greatly look forward to the time and opportunities ahead.

Regards,

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