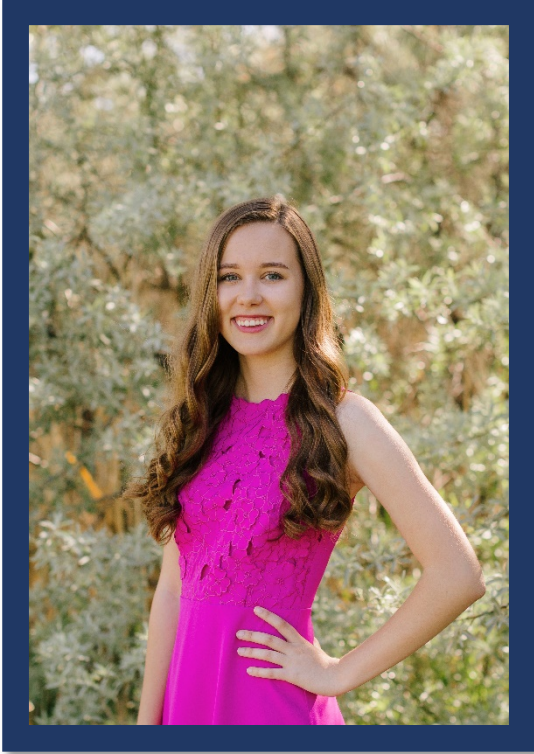


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### GENE AND RUTH MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

*Hailey Hatch, Biology with Ecology and Biodiversity Emphasis*



My name is Hailey Hatch. I am 19 years old and a junior studying biology and chemistry at Utah State University. I have lived in Utah for most of my life, but I spent my elementary school years in Florida. As a young girl I spent a lot of time on the beach with my family. My parents and I love shell collecting together on Sanibel Island, but we are happy just soaking up the sun together on any beach. My dad and I often found cool sea creatures to show my younger brother. We all enjoyed watching the waves for dolphins during sunset. My time spent on the beach endeared me to the ocean. I thought that moving back to Utah would change my trajectory, but it seems that I am still passionate about science. I am entering my third year in the College of Science, working towards a Biology degree. I plan to earn a master's degree in marine biology after my time here at USU. Although I love biology and am constantly fascinated by life, I also love the arts. I have played the violin since third grade and I am currently in the Cache Valley Symphony. I love to draw, paint, and read. One of the most exciting things I have learned about in college is the idea of interdisciplinary studies. I love that in a world of academics we can all use our talents and strengths to collaborate and reach outside of our fields of study.