The Book Industry Charitable (Binc) Foundation is pleased to announce the award recipients of the 2020 Higher Education Scholarship Program. These seven scholarship winners were selected from forty-two applicants, representing, booksellers, dependents of booksellers, and former Borders employees. These students received scholarship awards which will help them fulfill lifelong ambitions and achieve their professional dreams. Please read on to learn more about our 2020 Binc Scholarship winners.

**NIAMH DOHERTY**  
Recipient of $3,500 Binc Scholarship  
**SCHOOL:** State University of New York at New Paltz  
**MAJOR:** Visual Arts  
**BOOKSTORE:** Northshire Bookstore | Saratoga Springs, New York  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** *All the Bright Places* by Jennifer Niven  
**ABOUT NIAMH:** I will be graduating from Hadley-Luzerne High School as the Salutatorian of the Class of 2020. In high school, I was the Co-Pres. of our National Math Honor Society and my class, along with being the Pres. in our Encompass Club. In addition, I was the Vice Pres. of our National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, and Co-Captain of our varsity girls soccer team. I participated in No Place For Hate and the Unified Basketball program as well, and studied abroad in Saga City, Japan during my junior year.

**HENRY FLEISCHMANN**  
Recipient of $3,500 Binc Scholarship  
**SCHOOL:** University of Michigan  
**MAJOR:** Mathematics  
**BOOKSTORE:** Serendipity Books | Chelsea, Michigan  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini  
**ABOUT HENRY:** I am a sophomore in Honors at the Residential College at the University of Michigan. While studying math and computer science is a joy, I also love to debate politics with my peers in the Diversity and Politics Forum. I volunteer for UofM sponsored middle and high school math clubs, and promote the University as a school ambassador. I received the Branstrom Freshman Book Prize for my grades this past year and this summer. I will be planning solutions to COVID-19 related problems for the University and doing Graph Theory Math research with a professor at Rochester Institute of Technology (virtually of course).

**KIMBERLY HUEBNER**  
Recipient of $5,000 Karl Pohrt Tribute Scholarship  
**SCHOOL:** Brooklyn College  
**MAJOR:** Creative Writing-Fiction  
**BOOKSTORE:** Community Bookstore | Brooklyn, New York  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** In a long list of favorite books, *Alice in Wonderland* stands out. It’s always a comfort to return to and always reminds me to keep my imagination wide open.  
**ABOUT KIMBERLY:** I am a writer living in Brooklyn, where I work at an independent bookstore. I have served on the editorial committees of *Bracken Magazine* and the *Michigan Review of Prisoner Creative Writing*, and I currently serve as a volunteer for 826NYC. I received an honorable mention in the *Glimmer Train* Short Story Award for New Writers in 2018 and have been published in *Zizzle*.
2020 Binc Foundation Scholarship Winners

REBECCA KEITH
Recipient of $3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: Vanderbilt University
MAJOR: Music, Psychology
BOOKSTORE: Books-A-Million | Birmingham, Alabama

FAVORITE BOOK: My favorite book is *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller. I read this the summer before my senior year of high school for an assignment, and ever since, every book I have read has not been able to compare to the meaning this book holds for me. Heller’s use of humor contrasted with the horrors of war made a profound impact on me, and I have read it multiple times.

ABOUT REBECCA: During my first year of college, I participated in Alternative Spring Break, Circle K, and Habitat for Humanity. I am a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Society and I have been named a freshman orientation leader for Fall 2020. My interests include reading, ballroom dancing, the neuroscience of psychology, and playing my oboe.

ANNA LEEDY
Recipient of $3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: Williams College
MAJOR: Music and Religion
BOOKSTORE: Bright Light Books | Fern Park, Florida

FAVORITE QUOTE: “For the first time, he heard something that he knew to be music. He heard people singing. Behind him, across vast distances of space and time, from the place he had left, he thought he heard music too. But perhaps, it was only an echo.” — Lois Lowry, *The Giver*

ABOUT ANNA: I am involved in the Williams Christian Fellowship (InterVarsity), the Gospel Choir, the Berkshire Symphony, and the Fencing club. I hope to become a music teacher.

SAMANTHA MELTON
Recipient of $3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: Washtenaw Community College
MAJOR: Health and Science
BOOKSTORE: Borders | Ann Arbor, Michigan

FAVORITE QUOTE: “All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.” — Walt Disney

ABOUT SAMANTHA: I have passed the CNA (certified nurses assistant) exam and have gotten my license and plan to start working this summer. I was awarded high honors at WCC for the Fall 2020 semester and I am being honored by Girls Group in a video for our annual fundraiser in November (currently being filmed).

REED SPURLING
Recipient of $3,500 Binc Scholarship

SCHOOL: University of Arizona
MAJOR: Aerospace Engineering
BOOKSTORE: Bookpeople of Moscow | Moscow, Idaho

FAVORITE QUOTE: “But that’s how it is when you start wanting to have things. Now I just look at them, and when I go away I carry them in my head. Then my hands are always free, because I don’t have to carry a suitcase.” — Snufkin, from *Comet in Moominland*, by Tove Jansson

ABOUT REED: I am involved in several aerospace-related clubs at the University of Arizona, including a high-altitude scientific ballooning club which I started after I realized there was not an easy way for students at the University to get involved in amateur scientific ballooning. In my spare time, I enjoy reading books, learning about planets, cooking, and playing the violin.