

**Scholarship Committee Report for 2021Annual Meeting
of the Michigan Chapter SWCS**

The 2021-2022 Michigan Scholarships in Conservation was recently awarded to Emma Fitzgerald. As you probably know, the \$750 award is be made to a deserving undergraduate student at Michigan college or university who shows promise in the field of natural resources conservation. Usually, the scholarship is awarded every February, but this year it was awarded in mid-November.

Emma is a student at Grand Valley State University double majoring in Biology and Natural Resource Management. Growing up in rural Michigan she developed a love for the outdoors which has translated into a passion for conservation through her educational journey. She has completed volunteer work with the Seeds organization in Traverse City and the Kalkaska Conservation District, among others. She is also a member of Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and serves on the President of the branch at GVSU. Emma is an avid backpacker completing trips on the Pacific Crest Trail, the Appalachian Trail, and countless trips around Michigan.

