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### **Naper Settlement volunteer receives the 2015 Copenhagen Schoolhouse Scholarship**

**Naperville, IL** — Marissa Roseman, a teen volunteer at Naper Settlement, is the recipient of the 2015 Copenhagen Schoolhouse Scholarship, established by Naperville residents Eve and Tom Hushek. This is the fifth year the \$500 scholarship has been awarded, which is to be used for college expenses during the freshman year of college directly after graduating from high school. The scholarship is available to high school seniors who have volunteered at Naper Settlement for at least two years, during their sophomore and junior years. Applicants must have demonstrated the customer service expectations specified by Naper Settlement.

Lead Museum Educator Cindy Lackore said, “We received many applications for the scholarship, but we chose Marissa because of her unwavering commitment to Naper Settlement and our volunteer program. We have watched her grow from an elementary school student to a confident young woman, who is getting ready to attend college.”

Marissa has been volunteering at Naper Settlement for eight years, but even before she became a volunteer, she had attended Camp Naper summer camps.

“One day as I was leaving, I saw the juniors sitting by the Meeting House, waiting for their shift to begin,” she said. “I was intrigued by their period clothing, so my mom and I asked an adult volunteer at the Log House and she told us all about the volunteers and how I could become a volunteer, too.”

Marissa was just entering fourth grade when she began volunteering as a Junior on the Green, wearing prairie-style dresses and showing visitors how to play games, walk on stilts and jump rope. In sixth grade, she moved up to being a Junior in Time and selected Antebellum as her time period, where she wore a hoop skirt, representing the 1860s, played games with visitors and sometimes demonstrated how laundry was done during that time period.

She began high school as a History Connector, then later was promoted to building interpreter in the Murray Building. She said one of the most important lessons she learned at Naper Settlement was dedication.

“I began volunteering in fourth grade and have returned every year for eight years, accumulating over 400 volunteer hours from both my regularly scheduled shifts and from working additional

special events, such as Civil War Days, Naper Nights, Harvest Pow Wow and All Hallows Eve,” she said.

Marissa plans to attend a four-year university, majoring in biology or possibly environmental science.

“Volunteering has helped shape me into who I am today and helped me develop independence, a responsible work ethic, dedication, interpersonal skills and confidence that I know will help me as I move forward in life,” she said. “This dedication to helping others is one of my core values, and I am ready to find new ways to incorporate it into my life as I advance to college.”

Naper Settlement’s teen volunteers participate in many hours of training in history, customer service and emergency procedures. To reward those teen volunteers who exemplify the best in customer service and dedication to Naper Settlement, the Husheks established the annual award in 2011.

Eve Hushek, who was a Naper Settlement Museum Educator for 11 years said, “I know that the scholarship winners will continue to excel long after their departure from Naper Settlement. To have their experience at Naper Settlement be even a small part of their success is reward enough for us.”

### **About Naper Settlement**

Naper Settlement is a nationally-accredited, award-winning outdoor history museum set on 12 magnificent acres in the heart of Naperville at 523 S. Webster St., Naperville, IL. Our grounds are where history comes to play and community comes to connect. For more information, visit [www.napersettlement.org](http://www.napersettlement.org) or call (630) 420-6010.