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THE SALE OF CHAMPIONS



MORE THAN

5,000

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IFAA Mission

The Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA) is a non-profit organization of agriculture enthusiasts dedicated to providing scholarships, financial awards and incentives for college-bound Iowa (4-H and FFA) youth seeking a post-secondary education in agriculture.

A key means of providing this support has been through partnerships with FFA and 4-H. Each year, thousands of Iowa students participate in 4-H and FFA livestock and agricultural projects. IFAA provides scholarships and other financial awards to college-bound Iowa youth with agricultural interests.

IFAA's primary programs are the Sale of Champions, held in conjunction with the annual Iowa State Fair, and the Winner's Circle Scholarship and Awards programs. The Sale of Champions gives 16 FFA and 4-H exhibitors the opportunity to sell their champion livestock and poultry projects. The Winner's Circle Scholarship and Awards program was established in 1990 to provide incentives for college-bound Iowa youth pursuing a post-secondary education in agriculture.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

Branstad - Reynolds Scholarships	Recipients
\$5,000 Branstad - Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship (Incoming Freshmen)	Klaire Shanks, Colfax Jillian Hanson, La Porte City Taylor Vittetoe, North Liberty Julia Mortvedt, Ames
\$5,000 Branstad - Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Alaina Gebel, Lansing Claire Carpenter, Millerton Tucker Rohrig, Orient Amanda Ostrem, Stanhope Lilian Buie, Batavia
\$8,000 Scholarships	Recipients
Bruce Rastetter Agricultural Entrepreneurial Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Lauren Beyer, Independence
Bruce Rastetter Biorenewable Resources Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Gabe Chance, Holstein
\$5,000 Scholarships	Recipients
Stephen & Linda Weldon Honorary Scholarship	Chloe Zittergruen, Keswick
Cargill Agriculture Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Lane Sommerfelt, Walker
Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters Scholarship	Madie Deutmeyer, Ryan
\$4,000 Scholarships	Recipients
Brock Purdy Grit Scholarship sponsored by Pioneer Corn (Incoming Freshman)	Jacie Campbell, Mt. Pleasant
Brock Purdy Grit Scholarship sponsored by Pioneer Corn (Undergraduate)	Andrew Pingetot, Vinton
\$3,000 Scholarships	Recipients
Bart Nelson Memorial Sheep Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Carsen Noonan, Bernard
Don and Cheryl Timmins Scholarships (Incoming Freshmen)	Grace Guy, Newton Drew Fausch, Alleman
\$2,500 Scholarships	Recipients
4-H & IFAA Foundation Scholarship (Incoming Freshmen)	Jake Balvanz, Eldora Hanna Vagts, West Union

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\$2,500 Scholarships	Recipients
4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by FMH (Incoming Freshman)	Caleb Keegan, Mount Vernon Riley Reid, Knoxville
4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by Hog Slat (Incoming Freshman)	Brooklynn Flenker, LeClaire Macy Tiedt, Tripoli
4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters (Incoming Freshmen)	MaKaylee McCartan, Pocahontas Alison Mehmen, Plainfield
Aaron Boysen Memorial Scholarship by Kent Nutrition Group (Undergraduate)	Kylee Reed, Ottumwa
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Cattlemen's Beef Quarters Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Hailey Pedrick, Ollie
Dennis & Sue Albaugh Scholarship	Riley Walker, Webster City Kiley Langley, Wilton
Iowa AgriBusiness Radio Network Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Rachel Ehlers, Walcott
Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters Scholarship (Incoming Freshmen)	Drew Totemeier, Columbus Junction Eliza Schmidt, Adel
Mark Pearson Entrepreneurial Memorial Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Joshua Wiley, Walker
The Anderson's Agronomy Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Allie Whetstine, Wellman
Travis Thomas Scholarship	Cheyenne Obrecht, Harlan Kadence Boender, Doon
Versova Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Alina Goldie, Collins Collin Harder, Walnut
Versova Scholarship (Undergraduates)	Emma Wedeking, Greene Jacie Hoeg, Wapello
\$2,000 Scholarships	Recipients
4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by AgriSompo (Incoming Freshman)	Kadley Bailey, Creston

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4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by Corteva Agriscience (Incoming Freshman)	Cael Mess, Davenport
4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by Hy-Vee (Incoming Freshmen)	Kennedy Rife, Columbus Junction Hollynn Rieck, Creston
4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by Kwik Star (Incoming Freshman)	Rilyn Titus, Kellogg
Agriculture Communications Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Trell Amoss, Albia
Brock Grain Systems Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Weston Dircks, Lowden
Dixie & Harold Hodson Swine Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Bridget Johnson, Bondurant
FFA & IFAA Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Kathryn Kilgard, Marengo Porter Campbell, Center Junction Peyton Tindle, Montezuma
IFAA Christian Brothers Excellence in Swine Participation Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Elizabeth Anderson, Algona
IFAA Don Greiman Excellence in Beef Participation Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Dawson Barnett, Plainfield
IFAA Earl & Marilyn Freel Memorial Excellence in Sheep Participation Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Saylee Gingerich, Iowa City
Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Rhianna Murty, Gladbrook
Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Sam Greiman, Perry
Mark Pearson Memorial 4-H & IFAA Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Katy Pryor, Woodbine
Schlutz Family Beef Breeding Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Lily Moeller, Orange City
Schlutz Family Beef Breeding Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Grant Boyd, Leon
Stockman's Inn Scholarship for Agriculture Business (Undergraduate)	Lillian Bru, Gladbrook
\$1,500 Scholarships	Recipients
Alliant Energy Scholarship (Incoming Freshmen)	Erica Driscoll, Williamsburg Brock Fisher, Wellman

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\$1,500 Scholarships	Recipients
Bob & Rachel Holst Agriculture Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Luke Holdgrafer, Ames
Carolyn Smith Trust Scholarship	Lainey DeVries, Red Oak
Fareway Meat & Grocery Scholarship	Jackson Pitzen, Adel Brody Moeller, West Point Jax Pryor, Woodbine
Iowa Purebred Swine Council Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Cael Hirsch, Winterset
Iowa Purebred Swine Council Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Brady Allan, Ames
Longnecker Fertilizer Agronomy Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Mya Stoner, Mount Vernon
Russ Brannen Memorial Beef Scholarship by Kent Nutrition Group (Incoming Freshman)	Abree Belcher, Blakesburg
The Maschhoff's Pork Industry Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Dylan Twedt, Polk City
Tyson Foods Scholarship	Sage Voegelé, Lennox, SD
\$1,250 Scholarships	Recipients
Rain & Hail Insurance Services Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Brianna Schuetz, Remsen
Rain & Hail Insurance Services Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Arynn Outhouse, Defiance
\$1,100 Scholarships	Recipients
Story County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship	Callie Gray, Colo
\$1,000 Scholarships	Recipients
Custom Builders & EPS Buildings Scholarship	Luke Muench, Ogden
Glenn & Bev Rowe Ag Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Gabriella Hingtgen, Bellevue
Iowa Pork Producers Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Annie Trumm, Cascade
Iowa Pork Producers Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Alyssa Neddermeyer, Ankeny
Iowa Poultry Association Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Sarah Roberts, Dunlap
Iowa State Fair Blue & Gold Gilt Sale Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Cuyler Rourke, Iowa City

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\$1,000 Scholarships	Recipients
Iowa State Fair Blue & Gold Gilt Sale Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Victoria Howell, Columbus Junction
James Lettow & Family Swine Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Alexa Huber, Ames
Key Cooperative Scholarship (Undergraduate)	Madalyn Gibson, Nevada Trey Voeller, Prairie City
Tall Corn Meat Goat Wether Association Scholarship	Olivia Hanson, LaPorte City
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Western Edge Scholarship (Incoming Freshman)	Lilly Supple, Cascade

The IFAA is honored to award the Iowa State University Livestock Judging Team and the Iowa State University Meats Judging Teams each a \$4,000 scholarship to divide between team members. These students will represent the state of Iowa as they compete in judging competitions throughout the upcoming year.

\$4,000 Iowa State University Academic/Livestock Scholarships (8)	<u>Livestock Judging Team</u> Will Taylor (Coach) Hadley Broadwater (Assistant Coach) Lucas Crutcher Carly Dreher Cole Freebairn Lane Higbie Cole Miller Sawyer Morrical Taylor Richey Emma Taylor
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\$5,000 Branstad – Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship

Klaire Shanks, Colfax

Parents: Travis and Kassy Shanks

Klaire was born and raised in Central Iowa where she inherited her love for agriculture from both sides of her family. Her true passion has always been showing her cattle across the country and at her favorite show, the Iowa State Fair. Some of her most favorite memories are in the barn alongside her family working on steers. Klaire and her brother Dalton have been fortunate enough to make the Sale of Champions 6 times and are so thankful for everything the IFAA does with the Sale of Champions and for the scholarship recipients. She first qualified for the sale in 2023 with her Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer and last year in 2025 had the Grand Champion Market Steer. Starting this fall, Klaire will be attending Iowa State University to study Agricultural Communications and continue to expand her love of agriculture!

\$5,000 Branstad – Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship

Jillian Hanson, La Porte City

Parents: Bob and Maureen Hanson

Jill grew up on an acreage outside La Porte City, Iowa. In high school, she was involved in various activities including livestock judging and showing sheep. Her proudest accomplishment is qualifying with her team to represent Iowa 4-H at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky, this November. This fall, Jill will be attending Iowa State University to study Animal Science. Her eventual career goal is to become a Large Animal Veterinarian with a focus on Ruminant Reproduction.

\$5,000 Branstad – Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship

Taylor Vittetoe, North Liberty

Parents: Darrin and Lisa Vittetoe

Taylor grew up in North Liberty, Iowa, where her love for agriculture was formed by her family, specifically within the swine industry. Her time in high school consisted of serving officer positions in both her 4-H club and FFA chapter, being an active member of Business Professionals of America, representing the Johnson County Fair as its 2025 Queen, and showing swine and goats. She is beyond excited to start her next chapter as a freshman at Iowa State University majoring in Agriculture Studies. She looks forward to joining a variety of clubs, meeting new people, and building her knowledge and skills to prepare for a successful career within the Ag industry. Taylor's main goal is to help make a positive lasting impact on both Iowa's agriculture and its community.

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\$5,000 Branstad – Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship

Julia Mortvedt, Ames

Parents: Jason and Jessica Mortvedt

Julia grew up in Ames, Iowa, on her family's lavender farm, Iowa Lavender, where she also raises dairy goats and poultry. At Ames High School, Julia participated in FFA, 4-H, Cross Country, Track, National Honor Society, Speech Club, Band, Cornerstone Church Youth Group, Iowa Dairy Goat Association, and County Council. Julia has had various agricultural organization leadership positions including serving as her 4-H club's President for 3 years, the Ames FFA Chapter President for 2 years, the 2025-2026 Iowa FFA North Central District Vice-President, and the 2026-2027 Iowa FFA North Central State Vice-President. She will attend Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Communications. Julia is very excited to use her major to advocate for agriculture.

\$5,000 Branstad – Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship

Alaina Gebel, Lansing

Parents: Nate and Tami Gebel

Alaina grew up on a crop and livestock farm in Northeastern Iowa, where she developed a passion for agriculture and agricultural education. Growing up, she exhibited sheep, pigs, and goats at the county fair and swine and sheep at the Iowa State Fair furthering her interest in agriculture. Currently, Alaina is serving as an intern with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, where she works to increase youth engagement in agrifood systems through youth-focused programming. Following her internship, she will return to Iowa State University as a senior majoring in Agricultural and Life Sciences Education and Global Resource Systems. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career advancing global agriculture, food security, and youth development.

\$5,000 Branstad – Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship

Claire Carpenter, Millerton

Parents: Dan and Ashley Carpenter

Claire Carpenter is a senior at Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Business. Growing up on her family's farm in Southern Iowa inspired her passion for agriculture and a career serving the industry. At Iowa State, she is actively involved in the Agricultural Business Club, Sigma Alpha, and CALS Council, while also working in the CALS Career Services Office, as a Peer Mentor, and a Teaching Assistant. Claire has gained industry experience through internships with MFA Incorporated, ADM, and John Deere. After graduation, she hopes to build a career that supports farmers and ranchers while advancing the future of agriculture. She is grateful for the scholarships that made her educational and professional opportunities possible.

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\$5,000 Branstad – Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship

Tucker Rohrig, Orient

Parents: Matt and Heidi Rohrig

Tucker Rohrig grew up on his family's farrow-to-finish swine operation near Orient, Iowa, where he developed a passion for animal agriculture and the pork industry. As a fourth-generation farmer, he has been involved in raising, breeding, and exhibiting swine for more than a decade. Tucker has also served in leadership roles through 4-H and FFA, including as the 2024-2025 Iowa FFA State South Central Vice President. He is pursuing a degree in Animal Science at Iowa State University and has been active in Block and Bridle and the Swine Interest Group. Through academics, leadership, and internships, Tucker has developed interests in swine genetics, reproduction, nutrition, and production management. Following graduation, he plans to pursue a career in the pork industry.

\$5,000 Branstad – Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship

Amanda Ostrem, Stanhope

Parents: Jared and Janie Ostrem

Amanda Ostrem grew up on a crop and swine operation outside of Stanhope, Iowa, where she developed a passion for agriculture and agricultural advocacy. Her involvement in 4-H and FFA sparked an interest in communications, leading her to pursue opportunities that connect consumers with agriculture. As the 2025 Iowa Pork Queen and through experiences with the National Pork Producers Council, Iowa Corn Growers Association and Iowa Soybean Association, Amanda has strengthened her skills in agricultural policy, communications and leadership. She will be a senior at Iowa State University, majoring in agricultural communication and international agriculture. After graduation, Amanda plans to pursue a master's degree and a career dedicated to sharing the story of agriculture.

\$5,000 Branstad – Reynolds Agriculture Scholarship

Lilian Buie, Batavia

Parents: Rebecca Clemens and Dan Buie

Lilian Buie, originally from Missouri, moved to the great state of Iowa around 10 years ago. Raising and showing club lambs and goats sparked her passion for the livestock industry and led to active involvement in 4-H and FFA. Through FFA, she discovered livestock judging, a passion that took her to Oklahoma. Lilian began her collegiate career on the Northern Oklahoma College livestock judging team while gaining industry experience at Northern Exposure Livestock and Allen/Newcomb Club Lambs and Treadmills. This fall, she will transfer to Iowa State University to study Animal Science with an emphasis in ruminant nutrition while continuing to judge livestock collegiately.

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\$8,000 Bruce Rastetter Agricultural Entrepreneurial Scholarship

Lauren Beyer, Independence

Parents: Chris and Jayme Beyer

Lauren grew up near Independence, Iowa, where she developed a passion for the pork industry and livestock production. Her agricultural background, combined with leadership experiences, led her to pursue an MBA and an Animal Science degree at Iowa State University. At Iowa State, Lauren serves as President of the Block and Bridle Club and is actively involved in Sigma Alpha, Swine Production Advocates, MBA Ambassadors, and as a Graduate Assistant for the Ivy College of Business. She also continues to support and volunteer for the Iowa FFA Association after serving as the 2023-2024 State Secretary. Following graduation in May of 2027, Lauren hopes to pursue a career in the pork industry, where she can continue to learn and advocate for the agricultural industry and its producers.

\$8,000 Bruce Rastetter Biorenewable Resources Scholarship

Gabe Chance, Holstein

Parents: Kyle and Tammy Chance

Gabe grew up in Northwest Iowa, spending a lot of time around his grandparents' crop and livestock operation. This is where he grew a passion for agriculture and more specifically the grain and renewables industry. Gabe is attending Iowa State University where he will be a junior studying Agricultural Business and Finance. At Iowa State, Gabe is involved in the Agricultural Business Club, Agricultural Marketing and Management Organization, and the Agronomy Club. Gabe has been a Merchant & Risk Management Intern for the past two years at Platinum Crush LLC, a soybean crushing facility, where he has furthered his passion for the grain and renewables industries - and plans on pursuing a career in the respective sectors.

\$5,000 Stephen & Linda Weldon Honorary Scholarship

Chloe Zittergruen, Keswick

Parents: Mark and Brooke Zittergruen

Chloe Zittergruen is a junior at Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Communication. Raised in Southeast Iowa, she discovered her passion for agriculture through FFA, 4-H, and her involvement in the floral industry. She previously served as the 2025–2026 Iowa FFA State President, where she helped develop young leaders and represented agricultural education across the state. In addition to her academic and leadership experiences, Chloe owns and operates 140th Street Blooms, where she specializes in growing dahlias, creating custom floral arrangements, and designing flowers for weddings and special events. After graduation, she hopes to pursue agricultural marketing and communications while growing her flower business.

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\$5,000 Cargill Agriculture Scholarship

Lane Sommerfelt, Walker

Parents: Dan and Holly Sommerfelt

Lane Sommerfelt is a junior at Iowa State University pursuing degrees in Agricultural Business and International Agriculture, along with a minor in Entrepreneurship and a Professional Sales Certificate. Growing up in Walker, Iowa, without a direct agricultural background, he discovered his passion for agriculture through 4-H and FFA. This past summer, Lane interned with Summit Agricultural Group as a Business Development Intern. At Iowa State, he previously served as an officer in the Agricultural Business Club, is involved in the Rural Entrepreneurship Academy, and serves as a peer mentor in the Department of Economics. After graduation, he hopes to drive innovation that strengthens the future of American agriculture.

\$5,000 Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters Scholarship

Madie Deutmeyer, Ryan

Parents: Chris and Pam Deutmeyer

Madie's passion for agriculture began as she grew up on a small Northeast Iowa farm that grows row crops and raises Angus cattle. Through the years, Madie has become a leader within the agricultural industry by being an active 4-H and FFA member. Some of her recent accomplishments include receiving her Iowa FFA Degree and being named the 2026 Iowa FFA State Champion in Beef Production Placement Proficiency. Outside of this, Madie has dedicated a large portion of her time representing the Iowa Angus industry as the 2026 Miss Iowa Angus, following her year as the 2025 Iowa Angus Princess. With these accomplishments, Madie's passion for agriculture has continued to grow, and she will expand her knowledge by attending Hawkeye Community College for Agricultural Business.

\$4,000 Brock Purdy Grit Scholarship sponsored by Pioneer Corn

Jacie Campbell, Mt. Pleasant

Parents: Jason and Melissa Campbell

Jacie Campbell has always felt most at home in agriculture as she grew up on her family's fourth-generation cattle and crop farm in Southeast Iowa. Her passion for livestock and animal health grew through years in FFA, 4-H, and as a veterinary assistant. Along the way, she has served in many leadership roles through FFA, 4-H, and National Honor Society. Beyond leadership, Jacie enjoys mentoring younger members and promoting agriculture within her community. She will be attending Iowa State University to study Animal Science on a pre-veterinary track, with the goal of becoming a mixed animal veterinarian. After graduation, she hopes to return home to serve rural producers and continue her family's farming operation.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$4,000 Brock Purdy Grit Scholarship sponsored by Pioneer Corn

Andrew Pingenot, Vinton

Parents: Mark and Carrie Pingenot

Andrew grew up on his family farm in Vinton, where he went from caring for a bucket bottle calf to owning his own beef herd. This led him to becoming involved in 4-H and FFA. Later he started a business selling livestock equipment, which earned him the Iowa FFA Star Over Iowa in Agribusiness and a national FFA proficiency award. Andrew is currently serving as a 2026-27 Iowa FFA State Vice-President. Andrew will be a sophomore at ISU majoring in Ag Business. His involvement includes being a member in Iowa Corn Growers Association, Ag Business Club, Block & Bridle, and Collegiate Cattlemen, where he serves as a member of the education committee. After graduation Andrew plans on pursuing a career in agriculture while being engaged in the family cattle and row crop operations.

\$3,000 Bart Nelson Memorial Sheep Scholarship

Carsen Noonan, Bernard

Parents: Brian and Josey Noonan

Carsen Noonan is the daughter of Brian and Josey Noonan of Bernard, Iowa. Carsen and her family live on an acreage but spend most of their time on the family farm, where they raise crops and livestock. She found her passion in agriculture at a young age, especially in showing sheep with her family throughout the past 8 years. She has been an active member of her FFA chapter and 4-H club. Carsen looks forward to attending Iowa State to major in Agricultural Business this fall.

\$3,000 Don and Cheryl Timmins Scholarship

Grace Guy, Newton

Parents: Alan and Sarah Guy

Grace grew up on a Central Iowa row crop farm, previously her family's dairy farm. Her family's connection to the industry was her segue into showing dairy heifers, a passion she has followed for the past twelve years. As an active member of the Newton FFA Chapter, her Supervised Agricultural Experience project, which focused on managing her dairy cattle, earned her the 2025 Proficiency Award in Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship. Grace also spent two years as her chapter's president and participated in a wide variety of contests and competitions, gaining much appreciation for the organization. Inspired by the impact FFA had on her, she will begin her freshman year at Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Education, with plans to become an ag teacher and FFA advisor.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$3,000 Don and Cheryl Timmins Scholarship **Drew Fausch, Alleman** **Parents: Jim and Lisa Fausch**

Drew grew up on a row crop farm in Central Iowa, where he gained a passion for agriculture, and more specifically, the crop industry. Drew graduated from North Polk High School where he was active in FFA, baseball, tennis, and National Honor Society. Drew also served as the President of North Polk FFA during the 2025-2026 school year. This fall he will be attending Iowa State University majoring in Agronomy.

\$2,500 4-H & IFAA Foundation Scholarship **Jake Balvanz, Eldora** **Parents: Bo and Sara Balvanz**

Jake grew up on a row crop and cow calf farm in Central Iowa. His passion for agriculture started at a very young age, as he started showing pigs at the age of five and his first calf at the age of six. He has continued to show livestock at the county and State Fair until present. While in high school, Jake was an active member of the Eldora Eagles 4-H Club and the South Hardin FFA Chapter. Jake held many roles within the organizations and gained leadership skills to take him into his next chapter of life. Jake recently graduated from South Hardin High School and will be attending Iowa State University this fall, majoring in Agricultural Studies with a minor in Finance. After graduation, Jake plans to pursue a career that includes his passion for agriculture, animals and finance.

\$2,500 4-H & IFAA Foundation Scholarship **Hanna Vagts, West Union** **Parents: Derrick and Sara Vagts**

Hanna grew up surrounded by the dairy industry in Northeast Iowa. On the farm is where she developed a true passion for agriculture and serving her community. Whether she was wearing a 4-H County Council shirt, FFA officer shirt or her Dairy Princess crown, she could often be found volunteering at local events. The crown, in particular, helped shape who she is today. It opened the door to countless opportunities, allowing her to advocate for the dairy industry, educate consumers, and inspire future agricultural leaders. She plans to continue to educate and advocate while attending Iowa State University this fall for Animal Science with plans to become an animal nutritionist. After graduation, she hopes to return home and give back to the community that has given her so much.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,500 4-H & IFAA Foundation Scholarship Sponsored by FMH

Caleb Keegan, Mount Vernon

Parents: Tim and Abby Keegan

Caleb grew up in Eastern Iowa, where he developed a strong work ethic through agriculture, athletics, and 4-H. These experiences sparked his passion for entrepreneurship, leadership, and serving others. He is currently attending Iowa State University, majoring in Agricultural Business while building and growing service-based businesses. After graduation, Caleb plans to continue expanding his businesses, remain involved in agriculture, and pursue opportunities that allow him to make a positive impact on his community.

\$2,500 4-H & IFAA Foundation Scholarship Sponsored by FMH

Riley Reid, Knoxville

Parents: Bobby and Beverly Reid

Riley Reid lives on a small acreage in Knoxville, Iowa. Her passion for agriculture began when she started showing livestock at the Marion County Fair. She grew up only four minutes from the family farm. This is where her passion for agriculture grew, as she saw all the hard work that it takes to run a farm. Riley joined FFA in high school, and learned a lot about agriculture. Riley decided to do her FFA SAE project about raising and selling a goat for Make-A-Wish Iowa. Riley's plans are to attend Iowa State University to major in Agriculture Education and Life Sciences and become a 4-H County Youth Coordinator. Riley was also very involved in Marion County Cattleman's, where she served as the princess and is now the queen. She grew up attending a local church, and was very active in 4-H at state and national levels.

\$2,500 4-H & IFAA Scholarship Sponsored by Hog Slat

Brooklynn Flenker, LeClaire

Parents: Nicholas and Melissa Flenker

Brooklynn grew up on a crop and cow-calf operation in Eastern Iowa where her family raises purebred Angus and Hereford cattle. Through her journey in the livestock industry, she gained a passion for agriculture and more specifically the beef and swine industries. Her passion has led to her agricultural organization participation in things like 4-H, Scott County Bacon Buddies, Iowa Swine Jackpot Series, FFA, and World Food Prize. She has also been involved in National Honor Society, Service Club, Volleyball and Future Business Leaders of America. This coming fall, she will be attending Iowa State University where she will be majoring in Animal Science on the pre-veterinary medicine track.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,500 4-H & IFAA Scholarship Sponsored by Hog Slat

Macy Tiedt, Tripoli

Parents: Bob and Dana Tiedt

Macy Tiedt grew up in Northeast Iowa with a strong agricultural background that fueled her passion for animal science and livestock production. Through raising and exhibiting swine, sheep, cattle, goats, and poultry, she developed a strong interest in animal health. Macy has been active in 4-H and FFA, serving in leadership roles and volunteering in her community. She also works as a veterinary assistant, gaining valuable hands-on experience in animal health and care. Macy will be a freshman at Iowa State this fall, pursuing a degree in Animal Science with a pre-veterinary focus. After graduation, she plans to attend veterinary school and become a mixed-animal veterinarian serving rural communities in Northeast Iowa while continuing to support the agriculture industry.

\$2,500 4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by ISF Beef Champion Supporters

MaKaylee McCartan, Pocahontas

Parents: Andy and Erin Martin

MaKaylee's passion for agriculture was rooted on her family's farm, where they raise row crops and livestock. From a young age, she spent countless hours alongside her dad and grandpa caring for cattle, sparking a lifelong love for the beef industry. Throughout high school, MaKaylee was an active leader, serving in numerous FFA officer roles and as president of her 4-H club. She also traveled across the country exhibiting cattle with her family. These experiences inspired her to pursue a degree in Agricultural Communications at Iowa State University, where she is continuing her passion for agriculture. After graduation, MaKaylee hopes to obtain a career where she can continue her passion in the beef industry.

\$2,500 4-H & IFAA Scholarship Sponsored by ISF Beef Champion Supporters

Alison Mehmen, Plainfield

Parents: Kyle and Kerri Mehmen

Alison grew up in Northeast Iowa on a 5th generation row crop farm. Growing up on the farm, she showed pigs and cattle which instilled her love for agriculture. Throughout high school, this passion continued through heavy involvement in both FFA and 4-H. Additionally, she was involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, Youth Group, Silver Cord, and volleyball while also showing livestock year round. Moving forward, Alison will attend Iowa State University in the fall to double major in Ag Business and Accounting, with the goal of obtaining her CPA, CMA, and Masters in Accounting. After graduating, Alison plans to enter a career in accounting, working to serve the agricultural industry.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,500 Aaron Boyson Memorial Scholarship by Kent Nutrition Group

Kylee Reed, Ottumwa

Parents: Ryan and Lana Reed

Kylee grew up on a commercial swine operation with a row crop background and later became involved in the show cattle industry. Through these experiences, she developed a passion for veterinary medicine, agriculture, and serving her community. Those early experiences inspired her goal of becoming a veterinarian to support the agricultural industry and positively impact future generations. She pursued a degree in Animal Science at Iowa State University, where she became actively involved in a variety of organizations while preparing for a career in veterinary medicine. This fall, she will begin her first year of veterinary school in Ames as she works toward earning her DVM degree. Following graduation, she hopes to educate, serve, and advocate for the agricultural community.

\$2,500 Bill Northey Memorial Scholarship

Ethan Peterson, Osage

Parents: J.R and Lisa Peterson

Ethan Peterson grew up on a crop farm in Northern Iowa. A three-sport athlete throughout high school, he served as Vice President of Osage FFA, earning a Gold Rating in Ag Sales at the national level, and as president of his 4-H club. He also co-founded the Green Devils Sports Network, growing it into a program that reached hundreds of viewers. This fall, Ethan heads to Iowa State University to study Agriculture Business and Entrepreneurship, carrying forward the same drive that's defined him on the field, in the shop, and in the community.

\$2,500 Brice Leonard Memorial Sheep Scholarship

Sawyer Morrical, Clarion

Parents: Joel and Erin Morrical

Sawyer grew up in Clarion, Iowa, where her family raised show sheep and instilled in her a strong passion for the livestock industry. She is currently a junior at Iowa State University majoring in Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine while pursuing a certificate in Swine Production Management. At Iowa State, Sawyer is actively involved in the Block and Bridle Club and the Pre-Veterinary Club. She is also a member of the 2026 Iowa State Livestock Judging Team. This summer she served as the Swine Facilities and Production intern for Summit Agricultural group. Following graduation, Sawyer plans to attend veterinary school at Iowa State University and pursue a career in swine medicine.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,500 Cattlemen's Beef Quarters Scholarship

Hailey Pedrick, Ollie

Parents: Ryan and Erin Pedrick

Hailey grew up in Southeast Iowa on a small livestock operation where she found agriculture to be her true passion in life. Throughout her time in high school she spent much of her time participating in school organizations such as FFA, girls wrestling, cross country, National Honor Society, Southeast Iowa District FFA Officer Team, and student council. After graduation she plans to attend Iowa State University to study Animal Science on a pre-vet track with hopes to one day become a mixed animal veterinarian.

\$2,500 Dennis & Sue Albaugh Scholarship

Riley Walker, Webster City

Parents: Bill and Kris Walker

Riley is from Webster City, Iowa, and grew up in a row crop and cow calf operation. Growing up, she was active in 4-H and FFA, primarily showing livestock. Her passion grew for the livestock industry as she began to enter her college years at Iowa State University. She is now wrapping up her time at Iowa State as she enters her senior year this fall. She is majoring in Agricultural Business and International Agriculture, with a minor in Animal Science, a program focused on marketing and a sales certificate student. In the last 3 years she has filled her time at ISU being involved with the Agricultural Business Club and Block and Bridle. After graduation she plans to pursue a career in the livestock industry with a marketing and sales focus and help grow her family's farming operation.

\$2,500 Dennis & Sue Albaugh Scholarship

Kiley Langley, Wilton

Parents: Melanie and Barry Langley

Kiley grew up on a cow-calf and row crop operation in Southeast Iowa. During high school, she became heavily involved in FFA, showing lambs at the county, state, and national levels. She was also an active member of numerous Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events. After wrestling at Ellsworth Community College for one year, Kiley transferred to Iowa State University to pursue her education, where she has remained active in numerous campus organizations. She has served in a variety of officer and leadership roles within Block and Bridle and Sigma Alpha. Following graduation, Kiley plans to attend veterinary school with the goal of becoming a mixed-animal veterinarian, specializing in reproductive medicine.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,500 Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network Scholarship

Rachel Ehlers, Walcott

Parents: Brian and Angie Ehlers

Rachel grew up on a crop and livestock farm in Eastern Iowa. She gained a love for the agriculture industry and has since raised and sold show goats across the country. Rachel is entering her second year at Iowa State University. During the school year, she is involved in Beta Alpha Psi, Kairos, and Gerdin Leaders Academy, as well as serving as a Career Fair Ambassador. After graduation, Rachel plans to earn her Master's in Accounting as well as her CPA license to start a career in taxes, specifically in the agriculture sector.

\$2,500 Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters Scholarship

Drew Totemeier, Columbus Junction

Parents: Eric and Kelli Totemeier

Drew grew up on a diversified crop and livestock farm located in Southeast Iowa. This is where he developed a deep passion for the agriculture industry and, more specifically, the cattle industry. He has also been heavily involved in showing pigs and cattle, while also competing on highly successful judging teams. Drew plans to pursue a degree in agriculture transfer at Black Hawk East College in Kewanee, IL. During his time at Black Hawk East, he will also be on the judging team and hopes that he can continue his judging career into wherever senior college he decides to continue his education. After school, Drew will return to the family operation to continue raising cattle while also finding a job within the ag industry.

\$2,500 Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters Scholarship

Eliza Schmidt, Adel

Parents: Renae and Marty Schmidt

Eliza was raised on a livestock operation in Central Iowa. She assists her family with their cattle and poultry operations while showing lambs and swine throughout her years in 4-H and FFA. Her upbringing, coupled with her passions for leadership within the agriculture industry, allowed her to hold numerous FFA officer positions at the chapter and district level. She also led throughout her community through holding officer positions in her 4-H club, organizing livestock shows, and volunteering for youth organizations. Eliza will be a freshman at Iowa State this fall where she will major in Biology. She aspires to use her degree, knowledge, and leadership attributes to contribute to the agricultural industry in a way that benefits others in the community.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,500 Mark Pearson Entrepreneurial Memorial Scholarship

Joshua Wiley, Walker

Parents: Todd and Denise Wiley

Josh grew up on a commercial swine farrow-to-finish operation just outside of Walker. While his family just recently phased out of breeding and farrowing sows, they still raise and sell around 50,000 pigs annually. This way of life, along with a small Simmental cow herd, is what cultivated Josh's love for the animal industry. This drove him to enroll at Iowa State University, where he currently studies Animal Science. Josh got involved in college and held officer positions in Block and Bridle and Alpha Gamma Rho, in addition to helping organize homecoming for three years. He's paired collegiate activities with some professional experience during the summer months and hopes to eventually work with genetics or pharmaceuticals in the commercial livestock industry.

\$2,500 The Andersons Agronomy Scholarship

Allie Whetstine, Wellman

Parents: Clint and Angela Whetstine

Allie grew up in Southeast Iowa, where she developed a passion for agriculture through her family's farming operation and involvement in livestock and crop production. Her interest in agronomy was strengthened through participation in FFA, 4-H, and crop scouting, leading her to pursue a degree in Agronomy at Iowa State University. During high school, Allie served as her FFA chapter's president, secretary of the 4-H county council, and earned honors such as the Iowa FFA degree and Borlaug Scholar recognition. In addition to her leadership roles, Allie has gained hands-on experience through landscaping and agricultural work. She plans to use her education and experiences to build a career as an agronomist while remaining actively involved in the agriculture industry.

\$2,500 Travis Thomas Scholarship

Cheyenne Obrecht, Harlan

Parents: Chuck and Renietta Obrecht

Cheyenne Obrecht is a 2026 graduate of Harlan Community High School and will attend Iowa State University this fall, majoring in Animal Science. She developed a passion for the livestock industry while growing up on her family's Shorthorn operation, O-Dale Farms, which was established in Jacksonville, Iowa, in 1972. Cheyenne exhibits Shorthorn cattle and pigs and has competed at the local, state, and national levels. She was active in FFA, 4-H, and numerous leadership activities throughout high school. As President of the Iowa Junior Shorthorn Association Board and the reigning Shorthorn Lassie Queen, she promotes the breed and encourages youth involvement. She plans to pursue a career in the beef industry while remaining active in agriculture.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,500 Travis Thomas Scholarship

Kadence Boender, Doon

Parents: Katie Boender

Kadence grew up on an acreage in Northwest Iowa where she raised livestock and helped with her grandparents' row crop operation. This background led her to get involved in the agriculture industry and agriculture policy. She has served as the 2024-2025 Iowa FFA State Reporter and was the 2025 Iowa FFA National Officer Candidate. Kadence will be entering her fourth year at Iowa State University where she is double majoring in Agriculture Education and Agriculture Policy as well as pursuing a triple minor. After graduation Kadence plans to use her passion for agriculture and policy to help be a voice for the industry on a state and national level.

\$2,500 Versova Scholarship

Alina Goldie, Collins

Parents: Kyla Struthers

Alina's roots in agriculture began with showing poultry across the United States. Over the years, her passion expanded to multiple species, including sheep, rabbits, pigs, and even pigeons, one of which she did not enjoy. Now, she is taking her dedication to the next level at Iowa State University, where she is majoring in Agricultural Studies with a focus on management. Throughout her college career, Alina will balance her education with traveling for nationwide poultry competitions, a testament to her deep commitment to the industry. Looking ahead, Alina plans to expand her current poultry operation after graduation while establishing a show pig operation of her own. As she grows at Iowa State, her lifelong love for agriculture will undoubtedly continue to thrive.

\$2,500 Versova Scholarship

Collin Harder, Walnut

Parents: Adam and Stephanie Harder

Collin grew up in Southwest Iowa with a family very involved in agriculture consisting of pigs, pumpkins, and row crops. Collin has held the position of AHSTW FFA Vice President and most recently President. Collin plans to further his education and pursue a career that utilizes his love for agriculture.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,500 Versova Scholarship
Emma Wedeking, Greene
Parents: Ryan and Holly Wedeking

Emma grew up on a livestock and row-crop farm in North Central Iowa where her family raises pigs, cattle, sheep, and goats. There, she developed a passion for agriculture and mentoring youth through livestock projects. Emma was an active member of the North Butler FFA and is a Butler County 4-H alumni, serving in multiple leadership roles. She earned her Associate of Arts degree from North Iowa Area Community College and now attends Iowa State University, where she will begin student teaching this spring. After graduation, Emma plans to pursue a career in agricultural education and continue supporting the next generation of agricultural leaders.

\$2,500 Versova Scholarship
Jacie Hoeg, Wapello
Parents: Chris and Kelli Hoeg

Raised on a 5th-generation row crop and cow-calf operation in Southeast Iowa, Jacie developed a passion for agriculture at an early age. She has been actively involved in the livestock industry through exhibiting market broiler chickens at the Iowa State Fair, earning Grand Champion in 2022 and Reserve Champion in 2024. Jacie is pursuing a degree in Human Resource Management with a minor in Animal Science at Iowa State University. She serves as the University Relations Coordinator for Block and Bridle Club, the largest student organization on campus, and was President of the Poultry Interest Group in 2025. She is also involved in Collegiate Women in Business and Salt Company. After graduation, Jacie plans to pursue a career in human resources within the agricultural industry.

\$2,000 4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by AgriSompo
Kadley Bailey, Creston
Parents: Larry and Kelsey Bailey

Kadley is a fourth-generation farmer from Southern Iowa. She comes from a diversified farming operation that includes both row crops and livestock. Following in her father's footsteps, she enjoys exhibiting purebred Simmental cattle at county, state, and national shows. Kadley is actively involved in her local 4-H club and FFA chapter, where she served as the 2025-2026 Chapter Vice President. Her passion for animals and the livestock industry has inspired her to pursue a degree in Animal Science at Iowa State University where she will be a freshman this fall. Through her agricultural experiences and leadership involvement, Kadley has developed a strong commitment to the future of the livestock industry and looks forward to expanding her knowledge and skills in the field.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,000 4-H & IFAA Foundation Scholarship by Corteva Agriscience

Cael Mess, Davenport

Parents: Tammy Wells and Rick Mess

Cael Mess grew up in Davenport, Iowa, where he helped run a family farm and fresh produce shop. He attended North Scott High School. He got involved in FFA, 4-H, and showed at the county and state fair. He was also very involved in the community, and he did many extracurriculars throughout high school. He started a floral arranging business, a woodworking business, and has recently grown a passion for restoring old vehicles, which helped him decide his future plans. He plans to go to Iowa State University to study Agricultural Engineering with hopes to work with agricultural vehicles after graduating. His dream career would be to run a machine shop where he can rebuild and design systems for agricultural equipment.

\$2,000 4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by Hy-Vee

Kennedy Rife, Columbus Junction

Parents: Charls and Stephani Rife

Kennedy Rife grew up in Columbus Junction, Iowa, on a family farm where she developed a passion for agriculture and the livestock industry. Active in 4-H, FFA, and the Iowa Junior Hereford Association, she has exhibited Hereford cattle and pigs at the local, state, and national levels while serving in many leadership roles. As a member of the Iowa Junior Hereford Association Board of Directors, Kennedy has served as Treasurer and Secretary, supporting opportunities for youth involved in the Hereford breed. This fall, she will attend Oklahoma State University to study Animal Science and Agricultural Communications. Following graduation, she plans to pursue a career in the swine or cattle industries while continuing to advocate for agriculture and livestock production.

\$2,000 4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by Hy-Vee

Hollynn Rieck, Creston

Parents: Amy and Chad Rieck

Hollynn Rieck grew up in Southwest Iowa on a cattle operation with a passion for agriculture, spending much of her childhood raising and showing cattle with her family and developing a strong appreciation for the livestock industry. Through agriculture, she has developed leadership skills and served in roles that encourage and support others. Hollynn enjoys giving back by mentoring youth and helping them become involved in agriculture and livestock. This fall, she will attend Iowa State University to major in Animal Science, where she plans to combine her love for science and animals to expand her knowledge and prepare for a career in the livestock industry. She is committed to promoting agriculture and inspiring future agricultural leaders.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,000 4-H & IFAA Scholarship sponsored by Kwik Star

Rilyn Titus, Kellogg

Parents: Trevor and Kristin Titus

Rilyn Titus is a dedicated student and agricultural advocate from Kellogg, Iowa. Raised on her family's row crop and livestock farm, she developed a passion for agriculture through FFA, 4-H, and swine exhibition. She enjoys mentoring younger exhibitors and encouraging youth involvement in agriculture. Rilyn has served as FFA Vice President and Sentinel, FCA Core Team member, Student Council Representative, and held several 4-H leadership positions. She enjoys hanging out with friends and family, golfing, and showing pigs. She is active in community service, agricultural education, and volunteer outreach. Rilyn plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Agricultural Communications to advocate for agriculture and support rural communities.

\$2,000 Agriculture Communications Scholarship

Trell Amoss, Albia

Parents: Troy and Lori Amoss

Trell Amoss is from Albia, Iowa, where he was raised with a rodeo background on his family's diversified livestock operation. He is currently pursuing degrees in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at Oklahoma State University. At OSU, Trell serves as President of the Agribusiness Club, captain of the multi-time national champion Agricultural Economics Quiz Bowl Team, and a teaching assistant in the Department of Agricultural Economics. He has spent the past two summers in Washington, D.C., interning with the National Pork Producers Council in Government Affairs. Trell is also involved in undergraduate research focused on agricultural trade and policy. After graduation, he plans to pursue both a master's degree and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics.

\$2,000 Brock Grain Systems Scholarship

Weston Dircks, Lowden

Parents: Brad and Lisa Dircks

Weston is from Lowden, Iowa where he grew up on his family's row crop operation. In May, Weston graduated from North Cedar Community School district where he participated in many activities like cross country, track, band, choir and drama. He also held many leadership positions such as Class President and FFA President. Growing up on his family farm as well as his time spent in FFA and 4-H are where his passion for Agriculture was fostered. He is now starting his freshman year at Iowa State University where he is majoring in Ag Studies.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,000 Dixie & Harold Hodson Swine Scholarship

Bridget Johnson, Bondurant

Parents: Craig and Katie Johnson

Bridget grew up on her family's Heritage Farm near Bondurant, Iowa, where her passion for agriculture was shaped through 4-H and FFA. She is a student at Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural and Life Sciences Education and plans to graduate in May 2027. Throughout college, Bridget has completed marketing and communications internships with Wilbur-Ellis, the Iowa Corn Growers Association, and the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers while serving in leadership roles with CALS Student Council, the Agricultural Education Club, and as a co-founder of the Country Swing Club. She also studied at the University of Georgia through the National Student Exchange program. After graduation, Bridget plans to educate and advocate for agriculture in either the classroom or an industry role.

\$2,000 FFA & IFAA Scholarship

Kathryn Kilgard, Marengo

Parents: Luke and Marcia Kilgard

Kathryn Kilgard of Marengo, Iowa, has built a strong foundation in agriculture through her work at Bellevue Farms, where she cares for horses, goats, sheep, alpacas, and a camel. An active member of the Marengo FFA Chapter, she has served as chapter secretary and vice president, earned the Iowa FFA Degree, and was recognized as the State Proficiency Runner-Up in Diversified Livestock Production. Her involvement in the Marengo FFA Chapter, speech, National Honor Society, cross country, track, and as a wrestling manager has strengthened her leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. Kathryn is dedicated to serving others; she volunteers through Meals from the Heartland, Adopt-A-Highway, at the Iowa County Fair, and multiple community beautification projects. This fall, Kathryn will attend Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Business, where she plans to continue developing her leadership skills and prepare for a career serving Iowa's agricultural industry.

\$2,000 FFA & IFAA Scholarship

Porter Campbell, Center Junction

Parents: Chris and Stacy Campbell

Porter grew up near Monticello, Iowa, where he attended school. He has held many leadership positions in school and beyond, including serving as a district FFA officer, as well as the president of his local FFA chapter, and the president of his 4-H club. Porter will begin classes at Iowa State on Monday and plans to obtain a degree in Agricultural Business. After college, Porter plans to find a career in agriculture that provides him and the people he works with the opportunity to grow each and every day.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,000 FFA & IFAA Scholarship

Peyton Tindle, Montezuma

Parents: Jeff and Megan Tindle

Peyton grew up on her family farm in Eastern Iowa, where she developed a passion for agriculture and a strong work ethic through her daily experiences. Active in FFA and 4-H, Peyton has served as vice president of the local FFA chapter and president of the 4-H club. Peyton has also participated in band, football, and shooting sports, building leadership and teamwork skills. This fall, Peyton will attend Iowa State University as a freshman majoring in Accounting. After graduation, Peyton plans to pursue a career as an accountant while remaining actively involved in the family's farming operation and supporting the future of agriculture.

\$2,000 IFAA Christian Brothers Excellence in Swine Participation Scholarship

Elizabeth Anderson, Algona

Parents: Matt and Dini Anderson

Beth grew up on a crop and livestock operation in North Central Iowa, where she developed a passion for agriculture and the swine industry. Through 4-H and FFA, she exhibited cattle, sheep, and pigs, experiences that inspired her future career goals. Beth is pursuing a degree in Animal Science on the Pre-Veterinary track at Iowa State University. She has been actively involved in organizations including Swine Production Advocates, Vets Without Borders, and Block and Bridle, while gaining valuable experience through swine production and research internships. This fall, Beth will begin veterinary school at Iowa State, where she plans to become a swine veterinarian and contribute to feeding a growing world.

\$2,000 IFAA Don Greiman Excellence in Beef Participation Scholarship

Dawson Barnett, Plainfield

Parents: Greg and Amy Barnett

Dawson grew up on a farm near Plainfield, where he was involved in both his family's row crop farm and his biggest passion, his Shorthorn cattle. His passion for agriculture allowed him to succeed in many sectors such as athletics, 4-H, and FFA. Dawson has held many leadership roles and has been an example for youth in his local community. With his interests, he will be attending North Iowa Area Community College majoring in Animal Science, with plans to further his education and earn a bachelor's degree. Upon graduation Dawson plans to grow his Shorthorn cattle herd and hopes to raise quality show heifers and seed stock for producers across the nation. He also plans to be involved in his family's row crop farm as well as operating his custom turf business.

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\$2,000 IFAA Earl & Marilyn Freel Memorial Excellence in Sheep Participation Scholarship

Saylee Gingerich, Iowa City

Parents: Jeff and Myrissa Gingerich

Saylee grew up in Southeast Iowa, where her involvement in agriculture and youth leadership sparked a passion for the livestock industry and agricultural advocacy. Through extensive leadership in 4-H and FFA at the local, state, and national levels, Saylee has developed a strong commitment to serving others and advancing agriculture. Her experiences have been recognized through numerous honors, including the Hills Bank Youth Salute Leadership Award and championships in livestock exhibition and showmanship. This fall, Saylee will attend Iowa State University to major in Animal Science with a minor in Political Science. Following graduation, she plans to become a bovine reproductive specialist and continue to be an advocate for agriculture.

\$2,000 Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship

Rhianna Murty, Gladbrook

Parents: Erin and Steve Murty

Rhianna grew up on a beef and row crop operation in Central Iowa, which is where her passion for the beef industry started and grew. This background and Rhianna's passion for beef has helped her earn first in the FFA's Stars Over Iowa in Production, and pushed her into her next educational pursuit as a freshman majoring Animal Science this fall at Iowa State University. After college Rhianna plans to continue her education and pursue a career in the beef industry alongside continuing her family's feedlot and bull rental service.

\$2,000 Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship

Sam Greiman, Perry

Parents: Kurt and Tina Greiman

Sam grew up on a small cow calf operation in Central Iowa, where he developed a passion for the agriculture industry through showing cattle. This passion led him to Iowa State, where he will be a senior majoring in Agricultural Business with a minor in Entrepreneurship and a professional sales certificate. While at Iowa State, he has become involved in Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and Block and Bridle, among other honor societies and clubs. After graduation, Sam will be joining Vermeer as a Brand Experience Specialist.

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\$2,000 Mark Pearson Memorial 4-H & IFAA Scholarship

Katy Pryor, Woodbine

Parents: Adam and Melanie Pryor

Growing up on a farm in Western Iowa, Katy developed a deep passion for agriculture, particularly through showing cattle and pigs as she exhibited them all over the country. Her involvement extended beyond the farm, as she actively participated in 4-H and FFA. Katy has held officer positions in both FFA and 4-H being vice president and president. These experiences, filled with hands-on learning and leadership opportunities, solidified her desire to contribute to the agriculture industry. This dedication and love for agriculture has inspired her to pursue a career as an agriculture teacher. To achieve this goal, Katy plans to study at Iowa State University, where she can further her knowledge and skills in preparation for shaping the next generation of leaders.

\$2,000 Schlutz Family Beef Breeding Scholarship

Lily Moeller, Orange City

Parents: Mike and Marie Moeller

Lily grew up on a farm outside Orange City, Iowa. Her passion for agriculture has been strengthened through involvement in FFA and agricultural advocacy. Lily has served two terms as the Northwest Iowa District FFA Secretary and as president of her local FFA chapter. Her commitment to agricultural advocacy has led to national success in public speaking, including placing third in the National FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest and fourth in the National FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. This fall, Lily will attend South Dakota State University, majoring in Agricultural Business with minors in Spanish and Legal Studies. She plans to pursue a career in agricultural law with goals to represent the interests of farmers and rural communities.

\$2,000 Schlutz Family Beef Breeding Scholarship

Grant Boyd, Leon

Parents: Nathan and Brandi Boyd

Grant developed his passion for agriculture and the cattle industry while expanding his and his brothers' cattle operation stemming from one heifer given to him by their grandpa. His involvement in 4-H and FFA throughout high school shaped his passions, values, and interests. This led him to continue his education at Iowa State University where he will be a senior this fall majoring in Animal Science and pursuing a minor in Entrepreneurship and International Agriculture. During his time at Iowa State, he has played an active role in the Collegiate Cattlemen and served as a past treasurer for the organization. After graduation, Grant plans to build relationships within the agriculture industry while continuing his cattle operation.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$2,000 Stockman's Inn Scholarship for Agriculture Business

Lillian Bru, Gladbrook

Parents: Ryan and Laura Bru

Lillian grew up on a row crop farm near Gladbrook. Her role as an eighth generation family farmer jump-started her passion for agriculture, more specifically the advocacy for the industry. She has involved herself in as many agricultural based leadership roles, including serving as the 2023 Tama County Miss United States Agriculture, the 2024 Iowa Pork Queen and a 2025 Iowa Professional Agriculture Students Vice President. Lillian attended the Des Moines Area Community College Agribusiness Program as a Pearson Scholar for three semesters, then transferred to Iowa State University to major in Agriculture Business with a minor in Agronomy. After graduation, Lillian plans to continue exploring the agricultural industry prior to heading back to Bru Family Farms.

\$1,500 Alliant Energy Scholarship

Erica Driscoll, Williamsburg

Parents: Joe and Dawn Driscoll

Erica is the daughter of Joe and Dawn Driscoll of Williamsburg, Iowa. She has two older siblings, Andy and Erin. Erica is a livestock and flower enthusiast; she loves showing cattle, sheep, and pigs, and creating floral arrangements while spending time with friends and family. During high school, Erica was actively involved in FFA and is now currently serving as the Iowa FFA State Secretary, along with that she was involved in 4-H, Youth Council, DECA, and the Iowa Junior Angus Association. Erica attended Williamsburg Jr./Sr. High School and will attend DMACC this fall to study Ag Business, with plans to pursue a career that combines her love for agriculture, and hopes to return to her family farm and to continue to be involved in the family cattle and row crop operation.

\$1,500 Alliant Energy Scholarship

Brock Fisher, Wellman

Parents: Mark and Renee Fisher

Brock's family raises row crops and has a cow/calf operation in Southeast Iowa. The love for farming and raising livestock has been encouraged within Brock and his siblings from a very early start. Gaining experience while being employed by a few different ag companies has helped Brock learn more about the industry while still helping on the family farm. Brock has also gained a passion for showing cattle and pigs through 4-H and FFA. Brock plans to attend Kirkwood Community College to major in Ag Science to gain more knowledge in both agronomy and livestock and build connections for the future. Brock's long term plans include working in the agriculture industry while also taking the opportunity to be the next generation to farm his family's land.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$1,500 Bob and Rachel Holst Agriculture Scholarship

Luke Holdgrafer, Bryant

Parents: Gary and Lisa Holdgrafer

Luke grew up on his family's diversified grain and livestock farm in Bryant, Iowa, where his passion for agriculture began at a young age. As a seventh-generation farmer, Luke has been actively involved in crop and livestock production, including raising cattle, custom baling and participating in a crop-share partnership that began in 2020. His background in 4-H and FFA helped shape his leadership, work ethic and commitment to agriculture. Luke served as an FFA chapter officer, earned his American FFA Degree and was recognized as a Star Over Iowa finalist. He is currently attending Iowa State, majoring in Agricultural Studies with an Agronomy minor. After graduation, Luke plans to return home to farm full time, continuing growing his crop and livestock operation.

\$1,500 Carolyn Smith Trust Scholarship

Lainey DeVries, Red Oak

Parents: Dave and Tammy DeVries

Lainey grew up on her family's diversified crop and livestock farm in Red Oak, where she developed a passion for agriculture and the beef industry. She is currently a senior at Iowa State University pursuing degrees in Agricultural Business and International Agriculture with minors in Animal Science and Entrepreneurship. Throughout college, Lainey has gained industry experience through internships with Farm Credit Services of America, Midwest Ag Services, and Bayer Crop Science. She currently serves as President of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club. Following graduation, Lainey plans to pursue a career in agriculture, working with producers while continuing to grow her own cow herd and advancing her long-term goal of carrying on her family's fourth-generation farm.

\$1,500 Fareway Meat & Grocery Scholarship

Jackson Pitzen, Adel

Parents: Mike and Katie Pitzen

Jackson Pitzen is a graduate of Adel DeSoto Minburn (ADM) High School and grew up in rural Dallas County. This fall, he will attend Dordt University, where he plans to major in Agribusiness and Construction Management while continuing his athletic career as a member of the Dordt football team. A lifelong participant in agriculture, Jackson has been an active member of the Sugar Grove Blue Ribbon Winners 4-H Club, where he exhibited hogs, cattle, and chickens throughout his 4-H career and was a member of the Dallas County Livestock Judging Team. His experiences in livestock projects, combined with his strong work ethic and passion for agriculture, have helped shape his future goals in the agricultural industry.

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\$1,500 Fareway Meat & Grocery Scholarship

Brody Moeller, West Point

Parents: Terry and Liz Moeller

Brody is the fourth generation to grow up on his family's farm in Lee County, where he developed a passion for agriculture and the livestock industry. He has exhibited swine and goats at the county, state, and national levels. Brody owns and operates Moeller Show Goats, where he breeds, raises, and markets high-quality show goats to 4-H and FFA exhibitors across Iowa and the United States. Brody has been active in 4-H, FFA, the Louisa County Livestock Judging Team, Lee County Teen Council, and the Iowa Swine Jackpot Series Junior Board. This fall, he will attend Redlands Community College in El Reno, Oklahoma, majoring in Animal Science while competing on the nationally recognized Redlands Livestock Judging Team.

\$1,500 Fareway Meat & Grocery Scholarship

Jax Pryor, Woodbine

Parents: Adam and Melanie Pryor

Jax grew up on his family's show cattle and row crop operation, where he was actively involved in the day-to-day responsibilities of the farm. Those experiences fostered a deep appreciation for agriculture and sparked a lifelong passion for the industry. Raised in Woodbine, Iowa, Jax developed an interest in farming at an early age and continued pursuing that passion throughout high school. Alongside his family, he has been heavily involved in the show cattle industry, with one of his proudest accomplishments being exhibiting the Grand Champion Market Heifer at the Iowa State Fair in 2022. Jax plans to continue his agricultural journey at DMACC, where he will pursue a degree in Agribusiness to further prepare for a career in the industry.

\$1,500 Iowa Purebred Swine Council Scholarship

Cael Hirsch, Winterset

Parents: Marty and Micaela Hirsch

Cael grew up on his family's farm in South Central Iowa, where he developed a passion for agriculture and the swine industry at a young age. Through his involvement in 4-H, FFA, and showing livestock, he has gained valuable experience in animal care, nutrition, leadership, and hard work. As a senior at Winterset High School, Cael has enjoyed representing the agricultural community while continuing to expand his knowledge of the livestock industry. Cael plans to attend DMACC to earn his AA degree before transferring to Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Business. He hopes to build a career that combines his passion for agriculture, business, and entrepreneurship while staying actively involved in the livestock industry.

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\$1,500 Iowa Purebred Swine Council Scholarship

Brady Allan, Le Mars

Parents: Mark and Alise Allan

Brady grew up on a small Yorkshire and Duroc farrow to finish swine operation as well as a purebred Hereford cow calf operation in Northwest Iowa. From a young age, Brady has always been engaged in the agriculture community. These experiences have allowed him to serve an assortment of roles within the industry, most recently serving as the 2025 Iowa Pork Youth Ambassador. These experiences brought Brady to Iowa State University where he is currently a junior studying Animal Science. After graduation, Brady plans to further his education within livestock reproduction or genetics. Upon completion within academia, Brady plans to pursue a career within the ag industry, raise high-quality breeding stock, be a community leader, and an agricultural ambassador.

\$1,500 Longnecker Fertilizer Agronomy Scholarship

Mya Stoner, Mount Vernon

Parents: Kyle and Jennie Stoner

Mya grew up in a family with a strong background in farming and 4-H. She joined 4-H when she was in 4th grade, which grew her love of agriculture. 4-H has helped her shape many important skills including leadership, public speaking, and teamwork. Mya was elected President of the Linn County 4-H Youth Council, along with serving as Vice President of the Mount Vernon Trailblazers for the 2025-2026 school year. Through her 4-H lamb project, she also has placed several times at the Iowa State Fair, including winning Grand Champion Carcass Lamb in 2023. Mya will be attending Iowa State University to study Ag Business and Agronomy this fall. After graduation, she hopes to return home to Eastern Iowa to become an agronomist, spread her love of agriculture, and someday join the family farm.

\$1,500 Russ Brannen Memorial Beef Scholarship by Kent Nutrition Group

Abree Belcher, Blakesburg

Parents: Kendall and Jessica Bremer

Abree grew up on a small cow/calf operation in Southeast Iowa, where her family owns and operates Bremer Show Cattle. She has been very involved in the show cattle industry for the past 10 years at the local, state, and national levels. She has earned state and national titles showing her breeding heifers, along with showmanship and fitting contests. She is very proud to have raised steers that have gone onto win the National Western Stock Show, the American Royal, and the Tulsa State Fair. This fall Abree will be entering her freshman year at DMACC and completing her Criminal Justice Associate's Degree that she started during her senior year of high school, while also pursuing a degree in Agribusiness.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$1,500 The Maschhoff's Pork Industry Scholarship

Dylan Twedt, Polk City

Parents: Craig and Cindy Twedt

Dylan grew up on his family's century farm in Central Iowa. Having deep roots in agriculture from both sides of his family, it was only natural he pursue his interest in agriculture from Iowa State University. This fall Dylan will head to ISU to major in Agronomy and Digital/Precision Agriculture. After receiving his degree, Dylan hopes to follow in his father's footsteps and work for a seed company and continue helping his family farm.

\$1,500 Tyson Foods Scholarship

Sage Voegelé, Lennox, SD

Parents: Shannon and Sarah Voegelé

Sage grew up on a diversified livestock operation. She was an active member of the Parker FFA and Lyon County 4-H throughout her high school career. Sage and her family have exhibited beef, swine, goats, sheep, and broilers at the Iowa State Fair. Sage has been fortunate to make the sale of champions with both swine and broilers. Sage plans to attend South Dakota State University in the fall majoring in Agriculture Education.

\$1,250 Rain & Hail Insurance Services Scholarship

Brianna Schuetz, Remsen

Parents: Dan Schuetz and Sonia Plooster

Brianna grew up in Remsen, Iowa, where she developed a strong passion for agriculture. This background, combined with her involvement in FFA, including serving as her chapter's vice president, has allowed her to develop leadership and teamwork skills while advocating for the agriculture industry. These experiences have led to Brianna's decision to attend Buena Vista University this fall, where she will major in Animal Science and Agricultural Education. At Buena Vista University, she plans to be involved on the university's archery team while continuing to grow as a leader through other campus organizations. After graduation, Brianna plans to pursue a career in agricultural education, where she can inspire future generations and advocate for the agriculture industry.

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\$1,250 Rain & Hail Insurance Services Scholarship

Arynn Outhouse, Defiance

Parents: Les and Deb Outhouse

Arynn grew up on a crop and livestock operation in Western Iowa. The family farm raises corn and soybeans, along with a cow-calf operation, where she developed a passion for agriculture and rural communities. Her involvement in FFA, exhibiting swine, and participating in agricultural leadership opportunities further strengthened her interest in the agricultural industry. These experiences led her to Iowa State University, where she is a senior majoring in Agricultural Business and Finance. During her time at Iowa State, Arynn has been involved in the Ag Business Club while gaining professional experience through internships. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in agricultural lending, helping farmers and agricultural businesses achieve their financial goals.

\$1,100 Story County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

Callie Gray, Colo

Parents: Brad and Amy Kohlwes

Callie is a senior at Iowa State University pursuing a degree in Animal Science and plans to graduate in December. Throughout her time at Iowa State, she has developed a strong passion for agriculture and the vital role it plays in supporting communities across Iowa and beyond. She is especially interested in the livestock and feed industry, which has guided her career goals. Following graduation, she plans to begin a full-time position as a Feed Office Specialist at Mid Iowa Milling in State Center. In May, Callie married her husband, and they are excited to build their future together close to home in Story County. Staying in Iowa is important to her, as she values the agricultural roots, community connections, and opportunities the area provides.

\$1,000 Custom Builders Inc. & EPS Building Scholarship

Luke Muench, Ogden

Parents: Mark and Holly Muench

Luke grew up on his family's farm in Boone County. From a young age, he has always been very involved around the farm where he grew his passion for agriculture. Over the last few years he has been very active in 4-H and FFA. He served his FFA chapter by holding the office positions of sentinel and president. In 4-H, Luke served as club president for two years, and served on the county youth council. This fall Luke will be attending Kirkwood Community College studying Crop Sciences and Precision Agriculture. After college, his plan is to gain work experience within the ag industry before returning to the family farm.

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\$1,000 Glenn & Bev Rowe Scholarship

Gabriella Hingtgen, Bellevue

Parents: Scott and Jessica Hingtgen

Gabriella grew up on her family's dairy and crop operation in rural Iowa, where she developed a strong work ethic and passion for agriculture. Through 4-H and FFA, she gained leadership experience, participated in community service, and showed dairy cattle and horses. These experiences strengthened her skills in animal care, responsibility, and sportsmanship while deepening her appreciation for agriculture and rural communities. This fall, Gabriella will attend Iowa State University to major in Animal Science as she works toward a career in the agricultural industry.

\$1,000 Iowa Pork Producers Scholarship

Annie Trumm, Cascade

Parents: Joe and Sara Trumm

Annie Trumm is the daughter of Joe and Sara Trumm and the seventh of eight children. She has been raised on her family's diversified livestock and crop farm and developed a strong work ethic and passion for protecting agriculture. Annie has been an active member of the Cascade FFA, serving as Chapter Treasurer and Vice President, competing in many Leadership Events, and representing her chapter as a Northeast District Officer Candidate. She also serves as the elected St. Peter's Temple Hill Youth Representative and a volunteer assistant to the Jones County Clover Kids 4-H. This fall, Annie will attend Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Studies on the multidisciplinary route with an emphasis in Rural Policy, so she can advocate and strengthen rural communities like hers.

\$1,000 Iowa Pork Producers Scholarship

Alyssa Neddermeyer, Ankeny

Parents: Eric and Theresa Neddermeyer

Alyssa became passionate about veterinary medicine as a child and as she grew older, she decided to major in Animal Science with a Biology minor at Iowa State University with hopes of becoming a veterinarian. In college, she had an internship at a swine farm, which is what made her decide to add an additional minor in Spanish. She has held many leadership positions in organizations like Pre-Veterinary Club, Collegiate 4-H, and Block & Bridle Club. She is currently working as a veterinary technician in Ankeny where she is learning more about the world of veterinary medicine. After graduation, Alyssa plans on attending Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine to become a mixed animal veterinarian with a specialty in swine.

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\$1,000 Iowa Poultry Association Scholarship

Sarah Roberts, Dunlap

Parents: Paul and Tracey Roberts

Sarah grew up on her family's row crop farm in Dunlap, where she developed a deep passion for the agriculture industry at a young age. She attended Boyer Valley High School and was actively involved in the school's FFA chapter. Throughout high school, Sarah served in multiple officer positions, with her highest leadership role being Chapter President. She was also an active member of 4-H, where she exhibited show lambs. This fall, Sarah will attend Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Business. After graduating, she plans to return to her hometown of Dunlap to pursue a career that combines her passion for agriculture and human resources while remaining actively involved in her family's row crop operation.

\$1,000 Iowa State Fair Blue & Gold Gilt Sale Scholarship

Cuyler Rourke, Iowa City

Parents: Rich and Mandy Rourke

Cuyler grew up on a diversified livestock farm in Southeast Iowa. She is currently involved in her family's showpig and Highland cattle operation, as well as owning her own rabbit and poultry businesses. She has been heavily involved in the livestock industry from raising and showing her animals on local, county, state, and national levels. Along with showing, Cuyler is in 4-H, where she most recently served as club president, and FFA, where she was the vice president this past year. Cuyler has started her college journey in the Veterinary Technician Program at Kirkwood Community College this summer. After graduation she hopes to work at a mixed clinic or a large animal farm or facility.

\$1,000 Iowa State Fair Blue & Gold Gilt Sale Scholarship

Victoria Howell, Columbus Junction

Parents: Tom and Tara Howell

Victoria grew up on a row crop and livestock operation in Southeast Iowa. Growing up, she was very involved in 4-H and FFA where she gained her passion for agriculture through CDE events and showing livestock. This passion led her to Iowa State University where she will be a senior in the fall majoring in Agricultural Business and International Agriculture with a professional sales certificate. At Iowa State, Victoria is involved in the Agricultural Business Club, Block and Bridle and Sigma Alpha Professional Sorority where she has held numerous leadership roles. After graduation, Victoria plans to pursue a career in ag sales.

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Winner's Circle Scholarship Recipients

\$1,000 James Lettow & Family Swine Scholarship

Alexa Huber, Ames

Parents: Laura and Joel Huber

Alexa grew up on a swine and row crop operation in Southeast Iowa. This is where she became passionate about agriculture, especially the swine industry. Alexa is currently attending Iowa State University where she will be a junior majoring in Animal Science. After graduation, Alexa plans to attend Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine to become a swine veterinarian.

\$1,000 Key Cooperative Scholarship

Madalyn Gibson, Nevada

Parents: Adam and Michelle Gibson

Madalyn grew up on a small livestock operation in Central Iowa, raising cattle and showing swine through 4-H and FFA. This is where her passion for animal agriculture grew. She is entering her junior year at Iowa State, majoring in Animal Science, and is involved in Block & Bridle, Letters of Love, and National Student Exchange. Upon graduation, she plans to enter into a graduate program before pursuing a career in animal nutrition or reproduction.

\$1,000 Key Cooperative Scholarship

Trey Voeller, Prairie City

Parents: Stuart and Emily Voeller

Trey was raised in the small farming community in Central Iowa. His involvement in FFA developed his passion for serving the needs of people around him through policy and advocacy. Trey's experiences with National FFA, the World Food Prize Foundation, and the Iowa State Capitol led him to Iowa State University, where he will be a senior majoring in Agricultural and Rural Policy Studies with a minor in Sociology. While attending Iowa State University, he has been heavily involved in Salt Company, undergraduate research regarding Iowa water quality, and facilitating National FFA conferences across the nation. After graduation, Trey plans to further his education by pursuing a graduate degree that enhances his passion for advocacy, research, and serving others.

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\$1,000 Tall Corn Meat Goat Wether Association Scholarship

Olivia Hanson, LaPorte City

Parents: Bob and Maureen Hanson

Olivia will be a junior at Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Communications. While at Iowa State, Olivia has held officer positions in NAMA, Sigma Alpha, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, and CALS Council. After graduation, Olivia plans to pursue a career in the agriculture industry.

\$1,000 Theisens Home, Farm, & Auto Scholarship

Erin Driscoll, Williamsburg

Parents: Joe and Dawn Driscoll

Erin Driscoll is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in Agricultural and Natural Resources Communications with a minor in Marketing. Raised on her family's Angus cow-calf and row-crop operation near Williamsburg, Iowa, she developed a passion for agriculture, leadership, and advocacy at an early age. Erin has served in leadership roles with the Iowa FFA Association, Iowa Junior Angus Association, Sigma Alpha, Collegiate CattleWomen, and the College of Agriculture Ambassadors. She is dedicated to sharing agriculture's story, advocating for producers, and building connections between agriculture and consumers. Following graduation, Erin plans to pursue a career in agricultural communications and public policy.

\$1,000 Western Edge Scholarship

Lilly Supple, Cascade

Parents: Jeb and Jill Supple

Lilly grew up on her family's crop, cow-calf, and swine finishing operation in Cascade, Iowa. Growing up on the farm sparked her passion for agriculture, with a particular interest in the swine industry. Her agricultural background, combined with leadership experiences as Secretary and Vice President of the Cascade FFA Chapter, has prepared her to begin her studies at Iowa State University, where she will be a freshman majoring in Agricultural Business. Lilly looks forward to expanding her knowledge of the agricultural industry while continuing to advocate for agriculture and pursue opportunities within the swine industry. She plans to build a career that combines her passion for agriculture, business, and livestock production.

2026 IFAA 4-H and FFA Performance & Carcass Awards

Award	Exhibitor
\$1,000 Supreme Champion 4-H Breeding Heifer – Polk County Cattlemen’s Association	Kestyn Holmes, Ainsworth
\$500 Reserve Champion 4-H Breeding Heifer – Vermeer Charitable Foundation	Rylee Short, Masonville
\$500 Kent Habeger Memorial Award for Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer – Habeger Show Stock	Maddox England, Mount Ayr
\$1,000 Supreme Champion 4-H Commercial Gilt – Kyle & Rachel Schulte	Colt Reed, Ottumwa
\$500 Reserve Champion 4-H Commercial Gilt – Neil & Lisa Albertson, Moeller Show Pigs, and Ploeger Show Pigs	Carter Schott, Riverside
\$600 Grand Champion 4-H Purebred Breeding Gilt – Cain Super Sires & Schmaling Bros. Berkshires	Brailey Lewis, Center Point
\$400 Reserve Champion 4-H Purebred Breeding Gilt – Cain Super Sires	Rees Elmquist, Audubon
\$1,000 Third Place Champion 4-H Market Hog – Shane & Kathleen Brinning, Lettow Show Pigs, Tim & Heather Marek, and Jayme Sieren	Anna Slagle, Grinnell
\$750 Fourth Place Champion 4-H Market Hog – Burzlaff Show Pigs, Lewis Genetics, and Andy Platner	Lane Elmquist, Audubon
\$500 Fifth Place Champion 4-H Market Hog – Gibson Showpigs	Brailey Lewis, Center Point
\$250 4-H Market Swine Show Division Winners – Mid State Milling	Paisley Schott, Riverside Rhylee Rodgers, Searsboro Lane Elmquist, Audubon Rhylee Rodgers, Searsboro Collins Beckman, Danville Austin Cain, Chariton
\$500 4-H Supreme Champion Overall Purebred Ewe – Pullin Hampshires	Chloe Knepper, Delmar
\$1,000 Supreme Champion FFA Breeding Heifer – Scott County Cattlemen’s Association & Kwik Star	Emett Fisher, Albia

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\$500 Reserve Champion FFA Breeding Heifer – Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network	Grant Hoffman, Dixon
\$500 FFA Champion Choice Retail Beef Carcass – Window A Kwik Star	Bryce Steffens, Postville
\$300 FFA Champion Lean Lite Beef Carcass – Window B Alan & Monica Edler and Paul & Julie Edler	Kambree Schwager, Bellevue
\$500 FFA Champion Hotel Restaurant – Window C Kwik Star	Andrew Jordan, Indianola
\$1,000 Third Place Champion FFA Market Hog – Bair Show Pigs, Diamond B Show Pigs, Luana Savings Bank, and Greiner Show Pigs.	Maxson Fitzer, Wilton
\$750 Fourth Place Champion FFA Market Hog – Suidae Health & Production	Jillian Woodruff, Moorland
\$500 Fifth Place Champion FFA Market Hog – Shane & Kathleen Brinning, Tye & Teresa Lettow, Tim & Heather Marek, and Jayme Sieren	Bailey Danner, Muscatine
\$250 FFA Market Swine Show Division Winners – Kent Nutrition Group	Trudy Baxter, Waukon Maxson Fitzer, Wilton Jillian Woodruff, Moorland Jillian Woodruff, Moorland Kinnick Axmear, North English Caleigh Lewis, Center Point Jillian Woodruff, Moorland
\$600 Grand Champion FFA Purebred Breeding Gilt – Wayne Huinker, Dave Martin, Triggs Show Pigs, and Matt & Heidi Rohrig	Peyton Salazar, Columbus Junction
\$500 Supreme Champion FFA Commercial Gilt – WinMor Farms	Charles Ploeger, Pierson
\$500 Reserve Champion FFA Commercial Gilt – Beelner Family, Schmaling Bros. Berkshires, and Schulte Show Pigs	Hollyn Rieck, Creston
\$500 Champion FFA Carcass Value Rail – Kwik Star	Hayden Burmeister, Eldridge
\$400 Reserve Champion FFA Purebred Breeding Gilt – Wayne Huinker and Dave Martin	Kale Schmidt, Goose Lake

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\$400 Reserve Champion FFA Carcass Value Rail – Webster City Custom Meats, Inc & Kwik Star	Brady Anderson, Lohrville
\$500 FFA Champion Commercial Ewe – Spath Show Stock and Van Wert Club Lambs	Olivia Kelley, Harlan
\$300 FFA Champion Market Lamb Carcass – Edler Family Farms and Edler Club Lambs	Eli Johnson, New Market
\$250 FFA Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe – Dusty & Amber Greiman and Josh Williams	Waylen Gemberling, Lohrville
\$250 FFA Reserve Champion Market Lamb Carcass – Kwik Star	Emma Wedeking, Greene

2026 IFAA Sponsored FFA Premier Exhibitor Awards

\$1,000 FFA Beef Premier Exhibitor, 1st Place — Kwik Star & Josh Williams	Rhianna Murty, Gladbrook
\$500 FFA Beef Premier Exhibitor, 2nd Place — Wilson Trailer Company – Sioux City	Dalton Lukavsky, Russell
\$250 FFA Beef Premier Exhibitor, 3rd Place — Todd & Alisa Neil & Family & Kwik Star	Anna Dirksen, Linn Grove
\$1,000 FFA Sheep Premier Exhibitor, 1st Place – Berry Farms and Pullin Hampshires	Kiley Langley, Wilton
\$500 FFA Sheep Premier Exhibitor, 2nd Place – Kwik Star	Alexis Kolbet, Rudd
\$250 FFA Sheep Premier Exhibitor, 3rd Place – Josh Williams	Colton Pepin, Salix
\$1,000 FFA Swine Premier Exhibitor, 1st Place – Iowa Purebred Swine Council - Clive	Aden Wolfe, Grinnell
\$500 FFA Swine Premier Exhibitor, 2nd Place – Iowa Purebred Swine Council	Nathan McGarry, DeWitt
\$500 FFA Swine Premier Exhibitor, 3rd Place – Iowa Purebred Swine Council	Amanda Ostrem, Stanhope
\$300 FFA Swine Premier Exhibitor, 4th Place – Iowa Purebred Swine Council	Dillon Couchman, Humeston
\$200 FFA Swine Premier Exhibitor, 5th Place – Iowa Purebred Swine Council	Ryan McGarry, DeWitt

Weight Division Awards

In a collaborative effort to recognize excellence, IFAA and Kwik Star are pleased to award walnut plaques to the exhibitors of the Champion and Reserve Champion 4-H and FFA Market Hogs across every weight division in the barrow and gilt shows.

Featherlite Trailer Awards

Through the generous support of Featherlite, Inc. in Cresco, the following champion exhibitors will be granted the use of an aluminum trailer for a period of one year:

- Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer - Rhylee Rodgers
- Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog - Rhylee Rodgers
- Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb - Paityn Peterson
- Grand Champion 4-H Breeding Heifer - Kestyn Holmes

Additionally, Featherlite, Inc. will provide a one-year loan of an aluminum topper to the exhibitors of these top honors:

- Grand Champion 4-H Market Meat Goat - Ava Long
- Grand Champion FFA Market Meat Goat - Caden Meyer

Sale of Champions Information

BUYER INFORMATION:

Purchasers hereby are expressly given notice that any animal purchase at the 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions will be subject to the condition of said sale:

- A purchaser, any other person, or any other entity shall be prohibited from taking any genetic material from any animal purchased at the 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions.
- IFAA requests settlement for livestock purchases immediately following the Sale of Champions. At the completion of the sale, please report to the IFAA Treasurer at the sale block for paperwork

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:

Sale of Champions exhibitors will receive a check from IFAA after satisfactory results have been reported by the ISU Meat Laboratory in conjunction with Story City Locker. The exhibitor receives 80% of all proceeds with the remaining 20% retained by IFAA for scholarships, awards and other administrative expenses. Checks are mailed to exhibitors as soon as all sale funds are collected and drug testing is completed. All Local Support funds are due by August 31st. Any uncollected funds will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.

IFAA Sale of Champions Record Setters

Animal	Exhibitor	Price	Buyer
2024 Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer	Mason Shalla Riverside	\$175,000	Hy-Vee, Sinclair Tractor, and Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters with support from Wiele Motors, Collison Embryo Service and Stutsmans Inc., and local support/citizens from Riverside, IA
2026 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Steer	Chloe Rogers Iowa City	\$100,000	Dewitt Vet Clinic, Boviteq, and Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters with support from Lehman Show Cattle, Widmer Show Cattle, Sinclair Tractor, Paulsen Show Cattle, and local support/citizens from Iowa City, IA
2025 Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer	Brock Bowman Glidden	\$100,000	Fareway Meat & Grocery, Tyson Foods, and Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters with support from United Bank of Iowa, Collison Embryo, McKinney Seed and local support/citizens from Glidden, IA.
2026 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Heifer	Andrew Arkema, Sully	\$63,000	Fareway Meat and Grocery, Deidre DeJear, and Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters with support from Conover Seed, Memory of Ben Beyer, McKinney Seed, Umbarger Feed, First State Bank, and local support/citizens from Sully, IA
2024 Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog	Mara White Estherville	\$61,500	Tyson Foods and Smokey D's BBQ with Social Hour Pig Sale, True North Technologies, New Fashion Pork, Wiechman Pig Co., and Huberg Trucking, and local support/citizens from Estherville, IA
2019 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Hog	Bella Opheim Humboldt	\$62,500	Prestage Farms of Iowa and Prestage Foods of Iowa and Kruger Seeds with support from Swine Genetics International, Lettow Show Pigs, Thompson Drainage, K.C. Nielsen Ltd. and Local Support from the citizens of Humboldt, IA
2026 Grand Champion FFA Market Hog	Jillian Woodruff, Moorland	\$155,000	Tyson Foods, Smokey D's BBQ, Skyfair, and ADM with support from McAllister Welding, Arnex, P+R Entry Doors, Alliger Farms, Macke Motors, and local support/citizens from Moorland, IA
2025 Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Hog	Caleigh Lewis Center Point	\$52,000	Elanco, Cargill/Sunglo Feeds, EverAg, and Delaney Family with support from Quality Plus Feeds, HE Smith Company, Novus Ag, Farmers State Bank and local support/citizens from Center Point, IA.

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2025 Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Carsen Noonan Bernard	\$30,000	Hy-Vee, Corteva and The Dirt Dealer with support from Wallace Livestock, Bowman Trucking, Cooper Specialty Feeds, Bob & Vicki Noonan, Tom & Nancy Hosch, and local support/citizens from Bernard, IA.
2010 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Chelsea Schminke Van Horne	\$15,000	Kemin Industries, Inc. with support from Alum-Line Trailer Sales – Brad Davis, Titan Machinery - Tom Tolle, ADM Alliance Nutrition/ShowTec and Local Support/Citizens of Van Horne
2026 Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb	Paityn Peterson, Rhodes	\$48,500	Runner Seed, Complete Ag, Pioneer, and Rule Sheep Company with support from Mid Iowa Co-op, Wendel Family Farms and Trucking, New Century FS, Baxter Vet Clinic, and local support/citizens from Rhodes, IA
2026 Reserve Champion FFA Market Lamb	Sawyer Morrical, Clarion	\$23,500	Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health, and APC Inc. with support from Dan Morrical, BJS Properties, Premier 1 Supplies, Enfield Club Lambs, and local support/citizens from Clarion, IA
2026 Grand Champion 4-H Meat Goat	Ava Long, Cedar	\$55,000	Wyffels Hybrids, Luana Savings Bank, ADM with support from Triple A Farms, Kaufman Farms, Pfeiffer Farms, and local support/citizens from Cedar, Iowa
2024 Grand Champion FFA Meat Goat	Avery Shalla Riverside	\$25,000	Sinclair Tractor and Luana Savings Bank with support from Iowa Collision and Paint, Kent Feeds, Custom Precast Co., Mid-States Millwright & Builders, Inc., and Hills Bank, and local support/citizens from Riverside, IA.
2026 Grand Champion 4-H Market Broilers	Lawton Pitzen Adel	\$18,000	Central Iowa KFC, Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health with support from Hick Electric, Schwenneker Simmentals, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles, and local support/citizens from Dallas County, Iowa
2026 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Broilers	Mayson Wood, Baldwin	\$17,000	Iowa Ag Technologies, The Dirt Dealer with Local support from citizens from Jackson County, Iowa
2026 Sale		\$734,000	Record Sale Total

2026 Sale of Champions - Official Results

Animal	Exhibitor	Price	Buyers
Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer	Rhylee Rodgers, Searsboro	\$55,000	Hy-Vee, DeeZee Mfg, Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters with support from McKinney Seed, First State Bank Lynnvile, and local support/citizens from Searsboro, IA
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer	Chloe Rogers, Iowa City	\$100,000*	Dewitt Vet Clinic, Boviteq, Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters with support from Lehman Show Cattle, Widmer Show Cattle, Sinclair Tractor, Paulsen Show Cattle, and local support/citizens from Iowa City, IA
Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer	Maddox England, Mount Ayr	\$80,000	Elanco, Dennis and Sue Albaugh, Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters with support from Ringgold County Cattlemen, Provision Feed, Collison Embryo Services, Jon and Kara McClure Family, and local support/citizens from Mount Ayr, IA
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer	Andrew Arkema, Sully	\$63,000*	Fareway Meat and Grocery, Deidre DeJear, Iowa State Fair Beef Champion Supporters with support from Conover Seed, Memory of Ben Beyer, McKinney Seed, Umbarger Feed, First State Bank, and local support/citizens from Sully, IA
Grand Champion FFA Market Hog	Jillian Woodruff, Moorland	\$155,000**	Tyson Foods, Smokey D's BBQ, Skyfair, ADM with support from McAllister Welding, Arnex, P+R Entry Doors, Alliger Farms, Macke Motors, and local support/citizens from Moorland, IA
Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Hog	Oliver Grings, Wilton	\$49,000	Alltech, Pioneer, Ever.Ag, ADM with support from Novus Ag - Chris and Chloe Shinker, New Fashion Pork, JJ Nichting Co., Dewitt Bank and Trust, and local support/citizens from Wilton, IA
Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog	Rhylee Rodgers, Searsboro	\$19,000	Hy-Vee, The Parks Companies with support from Lowry Seed, Rodgers Cattle Company, and local support/citizens from Searsboro, IA
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Hog	Rhylee Rodgers, Searsboro	\$14,000	Fareway Meat and Grocery, Agrilogics Animal Health with support from Lowry Seed, Rodgers Cattle Company and local support/citizens from Searsboro, IA
Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb	Paityn Peterson, Rhodes	\$48,500**	Runner Seed, Complete Ag, Pioneer, Rule Sheep Company with support from Mid Iowa Co-op, Wendel Family Farms and Trucking, New Century FS, Baxter Vet Clinic, and local support/citizens from Rhodes, IA
Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb	Sawyer Morrical, Clarion	\$23,500*	Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health, APC Inc. with support from Dan Morrical, BJS Properties, Premier 1 Supplies, Enfield Club Lambs, and local support/citizens from Clarion, IA
Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Whitney Williams, Mabel, MN	\$9,000	Fareway Meat and Grocery with support from Cooper Specialty Feeds, Mike Junk, Allen - Newcomb Show Lambs, and local support/citizens from Mabel, MN
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Lindsey Williams, Mabel, MN	\$9,000	Hy-vee with support from Cooper Specialty Feeds, Mike Junk, Allen - Newcomb Show Lambs, and local support/citizens from Mabel, MN
Grand Champion FFA Meat Goat	Caden Meyer, Wilton	\$19,000	Growthland, Pioneer with support from Lear Livestock, Cove Equipment, Prestige Aire, Clayton and Kamryn Cooling, and local support/citizens from Wilton, IA
Grand Champion 4-H Meat Goat	Ava Long, Cedar	\$55,000**	Wyffels Hybrids, Luana Savings Bank, ADM with support from Triple A Farms, Kaufman Farms, Pfeiffer Farms, and local support/citizens from Cedar, Iowa
Grand Champion 4-H Market Broilers	Lawton Pitzen, Adel	\$18,000**	Central Iowa KFC, Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health with support from Hick Electric, Schwenneker Simmentals, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles, and local support/citizens from Dallas County, Iowa
Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Broilers	Mayson Wood, Baldwin	\$17,000*	Iowa Ag Technologies, The Dirt Dealer with Local support from citizens from Jackson County, Iowa

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Sale Total (16 Exhibitors)	\$ ****734,000.00
Scholarship Total (124 Awards)	\$ 239,600.00
Carcass and Performance Awards Total (70 Awards)	\$ 25,000.00
GRAND TOTAL (AWARDS)	\$ 998,600.00

2026 Sale of Champions Winners

Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer

Rhylee Rodgers, Searsboro

Parents: Wade and Kaylene Rodgers

Rhylee Rodgers is from Searsboro, Iowa, and has been showing steers since she was five years old. This was her fourth year exhibiting steers at the Iowa State Fair and will be her first time participating in the Sale of Champions. In addition to showing livestock, Rhylee plays volleyball and is involved in National Honor Society and student council. Rhylee's steer, Bandit, is one of the sweetest steers she has shown, and the two have spent countless hours together in the barn. She is grateful for her faith, family, and everyone who has supported her throughout her years of showing.

Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer

Chloe Rogers, Iowa City

Parents: Tyler Rogers and Jennifer Ehrlich

Chloe Rogers is from Iowa City, Iowa, and has been showing cattle for nine years. She has participated in the Sale of Champions three times. Chloe recently graduated from Regina High School and will attend Iowa State University this fall to study Agricultural Communications and continue pursuing her passion for agriculture.

Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer

Maddox England, Mount Ayr

Parents: Brian and Lauren England

Maddox England is 12 years old & going into 7th Grade at Mount Ayr. He loves baseball, basketball, riding dirt bikes but his true passion is showing cattle. He's honored to be part of the Sale of Champions, a dream come true.

Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Heifer

Andrew Arkema, Sully

Parents: Darin and Anna Arkema

Andrew Arkema is a junior at Lynnville-Sully High School and has been showing market heifers since fourth grade. In addition to showing cattle, he runs cross country and track and plays basketball. Andrew enjoys attending jackpot shows with his cousin, Tyler, and working together on daily barn chores. He is thankful for those in the cattle industry who help raise money for the Sale of Champions and for all of its supporters. Andrew is also grateful for the family and friends who have helped and supported him throughout his journey.

2026 Sale of Champions Winners

Grand Champion FFA Market Hog

Jillian Woodruff, Moorland

Parents: Jason and Tiffany Woodruff

Jillian Woodruff is from Moorland, Iowa, and has been showing pigs through 4-H and FFA for about 10 years. She has shown at county and state fairs and has gained lots of experience with raising, caring for, and showing pigs. Jillian is currently a junior at Iowa State University and continues to be involved in the livestock industry.

Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Hog

Oliver Grings, Wilton

Parents: Brett and Sue Grings

Oliver Grings is the son of Brett & Sue Grings of Wilton. He will be a senior this year at Wilton High School where he is involved in FFA, basketball, and football. After graduation, Oliver plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in Animal Enterprise and Innovation. Oliver is grateful for the support he has received from Luke & Kaylee McDonnell, Houston Moore, Sam Smoot, Levi Stauffer with S & K Showpigs, and his parents, siblings, and family members.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Hogs

Rhylee Rodgers, Searsboro

Parents: Wade and Kaylene Rodgers

Rhylee Rodgers is from Searsboro, Iowa, and has been showing pigs at the Iowa State Fair for the past six years. This will be her first time participating in the Sale of Champions. In addition to showing livestock, Rhylee plays volleyball and is involved in the National Honor Society and student council. Her pigs, CBJ and Dawn, have made this year especially memorable, and she enjoyed showing them at jackpot shows throughout the spring. Rhylee is thankful for everyone who has encouraged and supported her along the way and credits her faith as an important part of her journey. One of her favorite verses is Matthew 19:26: "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

2026 Sale of Champions Winners

Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb

Paityn Peterson, Rhodes

Parents: Pete and Lisa Peterson

Paityn Peterson is from Rhodes, Iowa, and is a proud member of the West Marshall FFA Chapter. She has been involved in showing livestock her entire life and has been an exhibitor at the Iowa State Fair through 4-H and FFA for the past 11 years. Paityn will be a senior at Iowa State University, where she continues to build on the experiences and lessons she has gained through showing livestock.

Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb

Sawyer Morrical, Clarion

Parents: Joel and Erin Morrical

Sawyer Morrical is from Clarion, IA where she helps own and operate her family's business, Morrical Show Lambs, with her parents and two brothers. She is going to be a senior at Iowa State University and is majoring in Animal Science on the pre-vet track. At Iowa State she is a member of the 2026 livestock judging team and is active in Block and Bridle and pre-vet clubs.

Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb

Whitney Williams, Mabel, MN

Parents: Heath and Heather Williams

Whitney has been showing livestock her entire life, plays softball, does trapshooting, and helps operate her family's club lamb operation. After high school, Whitney plans to attend Iowa State University to achieve her masters degree in Ag Business. Whitney would like to thank the Allen Newcomb crew, her family and friends and everyone else who helped her achieve this goal and is truly so grateful.

Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb

Lindsey Williams, Mabel, MN

Parents: Heath and Heather Williams

Lindsey Williams is from Mabel, Minnesota. This fall she will be a sophomore at Mabel-Canton high school. She plays softball, shoots trap, and shows sheep and goats. Her sheep's name is Donnie and she would like to thank her family, Allen Newcomb Show Lambs, and Begalka Livestock for getting her here.

2026 Sale of Champions Winners

Grand Champion FFA Market Meat Goat

Caden Meyer, Wilton

Parents: Chad and Renee Meyer

Caden Meyer is from Wilton, Iowa. He is going to be a junior at Iowa State University studying Animal Science and has been showing goats at the Iowa State Fair for 10 years. This is his first time in the sale of champions in his final year showing on the green chips. He is grateful for the friends, family, and everyone who has supported him along the way. He would especially like to thank his mom and dad, his brother Gavin, sister Kamryn, and Bernard and Dalayna Ausmus for supporting him throughout the summer and always pushing him to be better.

Grand Champion 4-H Market Meat Goat

Ava Long, Cedar

Parents: Clint and Ashton Long

Ava Long is from Cedar, Iowa and has been showing goats at the Iowa State Fair for five years. This will be her first time being in the Sale of Champions. She also enjoys showing cattle at the Iowa State Fair and other shows. Ava is very involved in her FFA chapter and livestock judging. She is very honored to be a part of the Sale of Champions and it means everything to her and her family to have this opportunity.

Grand Champion 4-H Market Broiler Pen

Lawton Pitzen, Adel

Parents: Mike and Katie Pitzen

Lawton Pitzen, 12, is the son of Mike and Katie and his older brothers are Jackson and Maddox. Lawton is a 6th-grade student at ADM and a second-year 4-H member of the Adams Arrows in Dallas County. In addition to broilers, Lawton also exhibited pigs and goats at the Iowa State fair this year. When he is not busy working in the barn or participating in 4-H activities, Lawton enjoys spending his free time fishing, playing football, and playing baseball.

Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Broiler Pen

Mayson Wood, Baldwin

Parents: Joel and Melissa Wood

Mayson Wood is a 4-H and FFA member from Jackson County with a passion for poultry. He breeds, hatches, and raises large fowl chickens, large fowl ducks, bantam ducks, and just about anything else he can hatch in his incubators. When he is not caring for his poultry, Mayson enjoys hunting, fishing, trap shooting, and playing football. He has attended the Iowa State Fair every year of his life and says this accomplishment will be one of his top memories.

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AUGUST 22nd

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00

Scholarship Presentation

Join us at the Anne & Bill Riley Stage as we present scholarships to over 100 Iowa students pursuing a future in agriculture. We'll also recognize "Friends of IFAA" for their long-time support of our programs.

11:00

IFAA Luncheon

NEW LOCATION: Join us at the Youth Inn to celebrate the scholarship recipients, exhibitors, and the donors who made today possible.

1:30

Awards & Drawing

Head to the Penningroth Media Center in the Cattle Barn, where we'll recognize "Friends of IFAA" for their long-time support of our programs and draw for 10k in cash prizes from raffle ticket sales.

2:00

Sale of Champions

16 elite exhibitors will be selling their champions. Join us as history is made in the Penningroth Media Center located in the Cattle Barn.



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