

# Hereford Juniors Awarded Scholarships

Hereford youth were awarded numerous scholarships during the 2017 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Louisville, Ky. Scholarship monies totaled nearly \$30,000 for junior members to aid in their academic endeavors.

## Prospect, Junior Golden Bull and Golden Bull Achievement Awards

The Prospect and Junior Golden Bull Awards recognize individuals for their involvement in the Hereford industry, agriculture and their communities. The National Hereford Women (NHW)

and the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) sponsor these awards. Prospect Awards go to students in third through eighth grades and Junior Golden Bull Awards to students in ninth through 12th grades. Prospect Award winners are given a leather halter with nameplate while the Junior Golden Bull Award winners receive a bronze Hereford bull statue. The Golden Bull Achievement Award is given to college-aged students. Like the juniors, these students also receive a bronze Hereford bull statue as well as a scholarship.

### Prospect Award

**Third grade – Kristin Waters,** Norborne, Mo.

**Fourth grade – Sarah Birdsall,** Homer, N.Y.

**Fifth grade – Chase Harker,** Hope, Ind.

**Sixth grade – Sam Birdsall,** Homer, N.Y.

**Seventh grade – Rianna Chaney,** Elwood, Neb.

**Eighth grade – Lauren Jones,** Darlington, Wis.

### Junior Golden Bull Award

**Ninth grade – Wesley Denton,** Blue Rapids, Kan.

**10th grade – Regan Mitchem,** Vale, N.C.

**11th grade – Nicholas Torrance,** Media, Ill.

**12th grade – Amy Larson,** Tecumseh, Okla.



**Prospect Award winners (l to r) are:** third grade – **Kristin Waters**, Norborne, Mo.; fourth grade – **Sarah Birdsall**, Homer, N.Y.; sixth grade – **Sam Birdsall**, Homer, N.Y.; seventh grade – **Rianna Chaney**, Elwood, Neb.; and eighth grade – **Lauren Jones**, Darlington, Wis. Also pictured presenting the awards are NHW president Jill Folkman (far left) and NHW board member Amy Taylor. Not pictured is fifth grade winner – **Chase Harker**, Hope, Ind.



**Junior Golden Bull Award winners (l to r) are:** ninth grade – **Wesley Denton**, Blue Rapids, Kan.; 10th grade – **Regan Mitchem**, Vale, N.C.; 11th grade – **Nicholas Torrance**, Media, Ill.; and 12th grade – **Amy Larson**, Tecumseh, Okla. Also pictured presenting the awards is NHW ex officio Maddee Moore.

### Golden Bull Award

winners (l to r) are: **Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb.; **Parker Cantrell**, Collinsville, Okla.; **K.C. Barnes**, Hulbert, Okla.; and **Harley Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas. Also pictured presenting the awards are NHW president elect Rhonda Eck (far left) and NHW board member Erin Lockhart.





### Golden Bull Achievement Award

**K.C. Barnes**, Hulbert, Okla., \$1,875

**Harley Rogers**, Hamilton, Texas,  
\$1,875

**Parker Cantrell**, Collinsville, Okla.,  
\$1,875

**Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb., \$1,875

### John Wayne Memorial Scholarship

John Wayne Memorial Scholarships are awarded to juniors who surpass the norm with their contributions to agriculture and the Hereford industry, as well as their moral character. The Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) and the NHW sponsor the scholarships annually.

**Jessica Middleswarth**, Torrington, Wyo., \$1,000

**Mason Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C.,  
\$1,000

### Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship

The Ed Bible Memorial Scholarships are designed to help finance higher education for NJHA members who have a passion and talent for communication as well as stellar leadership skills and involvement in the Hereford industry. Bible joined the American Polled Hereford Association staff in 1973 and for 25 years supported the senior, junior and Poll-ette associations. Because of his positive influence on the Hereford industry, the NHW and the HYFA offer four annual scholarships in his honor.

**First place – Jessica Middleswarth**, Torrington, Wyo., \$1,000

**Second place – Kelsey Stimpson**, Melba, Idaho, \$750

**Third place – Miranda Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla., \$500

**Fourth place – Austin Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky., \$250

### National Junior Merit Award

The junior merit scholarships annually recognize exceptional junior members for their dedication to bettering the Hereford industry. The scholarship program is designed to encourage



**John Wayne Memorial Scholarship** winners (l to r) are: **Jessica Middleswarth**, Torrington, Wyo., and **Mason Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C. Also pictured presenting the awards are NHW board member Suzanne Matheny (far left) and NHW board member Sharon King (far right).



**Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship** winners (l to r) are: first place winner – **Jessica Middleswarth**, Torrington, Wyo.; second place winner – **Kelsey Stimpson**, Melba, Idaho; third place winner – **Miranda Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla.; and fourth place winner – **Austin Matheny**, Mays Lick, Ky. Also pictured presenting the awards are NHW vice president Kim Herinckx and NHW treasurer Karen Smith.



**National Junior Merit Award** winners (l to r) are: first place – **Mason Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C.; second place – **Kendi Sayre**, Arenzville, Ill.; and third place – **Jordan Spindle**, Moriarty, N.M. Also pictured presenting the awards is Stuart Wilson, American Livestock Insurance Inc.

individual and cooperative effort, enthusiasm, excellence, leadership and achievement among youth in order to develop reputable breeders for the good of the Hereford business and the beef industry. The first-place winner receives an expense-paid trip to a Hereford operation in the continental U.S. sponsored by American Livestock Inc., as well as a scholarship.

**First place – Mason Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C., \$2,000 plus trip

**Second place – Kendi Sayre**, Arenzville, Ill., \$1,250

**Third place – Jordan Spindle**, Moriarty, N.M., \$1,250

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**Hereford Herdsman Scholarship** winners (l to r) are: **Miranda Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla., and **Mason Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C. Also pictured presenting the awards are Bruce Everhart, HYFA board member.



**Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb., won the Joe and Walter Lewis High Point Senior Award. Also pictured presenting the award is National Hereford Queen Annah Dobson.



**Annah Dobson**, Johnson Creek, Wis., was presented the **Bud Snidow Award**. Also pictured presenting the award is NHW president elect Rhonda Eck.

**Hereford Herdsman Scholarship**

Sponsored by the HYFA in cooperation with Hereford herdsman, these scholarships recognize the value in NJHA members who take great pride in exhibiting their Hereford cattle and provide a scholarship to award their dedication to the breed.

**Mason Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C., \$1,000

**Miranda Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla., \$1,000

**Joe and Walter Lewis High Point Senior Award**

This scholarship award honors junior members for overall achievement in various facets of the NJHA. Junior members are selected based on a point system



**Poll-ette Founders Scholarship** winners (l to r) are: **Kelsey Stimpson**, Melba, Idaho, and **Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb. Also pictured presenting the awards is NHW board member Amy Taylor.

for NJHA programs and activities weighted heavily on leadership, teamwork, skills and competition.

**Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb., \$500

**Poll-ette Founders Scholarship**

The HYFA funds the Poll-ette Founders Scholarships, which are managed through the NHW. The scholarships recognizes juniors who have made significant contributions to the NJHA during their time as a junior.

Additionally, the scholarships honor the women who laid the foundation for the National Organization of Poll-ettes, which combined with the American Hereford Women in 2009 to form the NHW.

**Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb., \$1,000

**Kelsey Stimpson**, Melba, Idaho, \$1,000

**Bud Snidow Award**

NHW sponsors the the B.C. "Bud" Snidow Award, which is presented annually to a commendable NJHA member who demonstrates the characteristics most admired by Snidow. Those qualities include honesty, fairness, hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to the Hereford breed and its breeders. The recipient receives a hand-crafted belt buckle.

**Annah Dobson**, Johnson Creek, Wis.

**Charles E. Boyd Sr. Memorial Scholarship**

Charles E. Boyd Sr. was a third-generation Hereford breeder who mentored youth in the agriculture industry. Throughout his lifetime, he was recognized on local, state and national levels for his accomplishments.





**Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb., received the **Charles E. Boyd Sr. Memorial Scholarship**. Pictured presenting the award are members of the Boyd family (l to r): Andrew and Suzanne Matheny, Martha Boyd, and Charlie II and Paula Boyd.

He was a prominent beef cattle judge at all major livestock shows and exhibited several national and international champion Hereford cattle. Selflessly giving to others without recognition is how he lived his life. The Charles E. Boyd Sr. Memorial Scholarship will continue to help young people in the Hereford breed who plan to go to college and to pursue a degree in agriculture.

**Katie Nolles**, Bassett, Neb., \$1,500

### **Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship**

The Ohio and Kentucky Hereford Associations along with HYFA sponsor the Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship through excess funds from the 2006 JNHE in Louisville, Ky. The scholarship's goal is to provide recognition for one outstanding member of the NJHA. In order to receive the honor, applicants must first be nominated by their state junior association advisor.

**Miranda Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla., \$1,500

**K.C. Barnes**, 22, is the son of Kent and Diana Barnes. He has been a member of the NJHA and the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma (JHAO) for 12 years. K.C. served as the president of the JHAO in 2013 and was a member of the 2015 Oklahoma State University (OSU) meats judging team.

He will start his senior year at OSU in the fall. K.C. received a Golden Bull Achievement Award.

**Sam Birdsall**, 12, is the son of Dennis and Heather Birdsall. He has been a member of the NJHA for 10 years and the New York Junior Hereford Association for six years, where he serves as the vice president. Sam has competed at six JNHEs. He was also the champion junior showman of all breeds at the 2016 New York State Fair. Sam won the sixth-grade Junior Prospect Award.

**Sarah Birdsall**, 9, is the daughter of Dennis and Heather Birdsall. She has been a member of the NJHA and the New York Junior Hereford Association (NYJHA) for six years. Sarah is the 2017 treasurer for NYJHA. She competed in the public speaking contest at the 2016 JNHE and was the 2016 champion peewee showman at the New York State Fair. Sarah won the fourth-grade Prospect Award.

**Mason Blinson**, 19, is the daughter of Bryan and Beth Blinson. She has been a member of the NJHA for 11 years and the North Carolina Junior Hereford Association for 14 years. Mason serves on the NJHA Board of Directors and is the 2017 fundraising chair. She will begin her sophomore



**Miranda Stotz**, Skiatook, Okla., received the **Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship**. Presenting the award is Bruce Everhart, HYFA board member.

year at OSU in the fall. Mason won the first-place National Junior Merit Award, a Hereford Herdsman Scholarship and a John Wayne Memorial Scholarship.

**Parker Cantrell**, 18, has been a member of the NJHA and the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma for 8 years. Parker was active in the Oklahoma FFA Association and served as his chapter's vice president in 2016-17. He exhibited the reserve champion junior AI (artificial insemination) bull at the 2013 JNHE. Parker won a Golden Bull Achievement Award.

**Rianna Chaney**, 13, is the daughter of Lee and Becky Chaney. She has been involved in the NJHA for six years and has also been involved with the Maryland Junior Hereford Association and the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association. Rianna has competed in every state and national showmanship contest since she started showing Herefords in 2011 and was the reserve champion showman at the 2016 Nebraska Junior State Hereford Show in 2016. Rianna won the seventh-grade Junior Prospect Award.

**Wesley Denton**, 15, is the son of John and Angie Denton. He has been an active member of the NJHA and the Kansas Junior Hereford

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Association since 2009. He has attended eight JNHEs. Wesley has competed in team sales, marketing, illustrated speech, Hereford bowl, photography and judging as a junior member in addition to showing. He is a fourth-generation Hereford breeder and exhibited the champion Hereford steer at the 2016 Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Wesley won the ninth-grade Golden Bull Award.

**Annah Dobson**, 18, is the daughter of Roger and Rachelanne Dobson. She has been involved in the NJHA and the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association (WJHA). She has served as the Wisconsin Hereford Queen and currently is serving as the 2017 National Hereford Queen. She has also held several offices in the WJHA including secretary and vice president. Annah won the B.C. "Bud" Snidow Award.

**Chase Harker**, 11, is the son of Dan and Jill Harker. He has been a member of the NJHA and the Indiana Junior Hereford Association for four years. He competed in the JNHE showmanship contest four times and exhibited the Reserve Division II Bred-and-Owned Female at the 2016 JNHE. Chase has participated in livestock judging, photography and the CHB Grill-off contests. He won the fifth-grade Junior Prospect Award.

**Lauren Jones**, 13, is the daughter of B.J. and Kim Jones. Lauren has been a member of the NJHA and the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association (WJHA) for seven years. She is currently serving as the 2017-18 WJHA membership secretary. Lauren was a member of the 2016 junior national planning committee and was a member of the 2017 JNHE Champion Fitting Team. Lauren won the eighth-grade Senior Prospect Award.

**Amy Larson**, 17, is the daughter of David and Cynthia Larson. She has been a member of the NJHA and the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma for 11 years. She has served as the southeast district director and reporter for the JHAO. Amy has competed in showmanship contests for nine years and was named the Champion Hereford Senior Showman at the 2017 Oklahoma Youth Expo. Amy won the 12th-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

**Austin Matheny**, 21, is the son of Andrew and Suzanne Matheny. He will be a senior at Kansas State University in the fall. Austin is studying animal science with a business option and hopes to return to the family Hereford operation one day. He and his family operate Matheny Herefords, which he hopes to expand after graduation. At the 2016 JNHE, his ninth JNHE, Austin was elected onto the NJHA board and was

selected as Hereford Junior Herdsman of the Year. He will serve as the 2017-18 membership chair on the NJHA board of directors. Austin won the fourth-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship.

**Jessica Middleswarth**, 21, is the daughter of Jay and Marsha Middleswarth. She has been an NJHA and a Wyoming Junior Hereford Association (WJHA) member for 12 years. Jessica served on the NJHA board of directors, was the 2016-17 NJHA vice president and retired her jacket at the 2017 JNHE. She also served as the WJHA president in 2013. She will be a senior this fall at OSU. Jessica won the first-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship and a John Wayne Memorial Scholarship.

**Regan Mitchem**, 15, is the daughter of Wayne Mitchem and Crystal Kirby. She has been a member of the NJHA and the North Carolina Junior Hereford Associations for four years. Regan currently serves as the North Carolina Hereford Princess. She is also actively involved in Lincoln County 4-H and has been a member for 11 years. Regan won the 10th-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

**Katie Nolles**, 21, is the daughter of Mike and Trudy Nolles. She has been a member of the NJHA and the Nebraska Junior Hereford





Associations for 10 years. She served as the 2015 National Hereford Queen and has served as the vice president, secretary, historian and director of the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association. Additionally, Katie served as the 2015-16 vice president of the Nebraska FFA Association. She will be a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the fall, studying agricultural education. Katie won a Golden Bull Achievement Award, the Joe and Walter Lewis High Point Senior Award, a Poll-ette Founders Scholarship and the Charles E. Boyd Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

**Harley Rogers, 19**, is the daughter of Keith and Cindy Rogers. She has been involved in the NJHA for 17 years and the Texas Junior Hereford Association and the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association (TJPHA) for 15 years. She served as the 2014-15 president of the TJPHA. Harley has participated in four PRIDE Leadership Conventions and has shown at every Texas state Hereford show and JNHE since 2004. Harley won a Golden Bull Achievement Award.

**Kendi Sayre, 21**, is the daughter of Tim and Tracie Sayre. She has been showing Hereford cattle for 14 years in the Illinois Junior Hereford Association (IJHA) and the NJHA. She has been named the Illinois State Fair Premier Herdsman six times. She participated on the livestock judging team at Lincoln Land Community College and will be transferring to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in the fall to begin her junior year of college. Kendi won the second-place National Junior Merit Award.

**Jordan Spindle, 20**, is the daughter of Tom and Becky Spindle. She has been a member of the NJHA for eight years and the New Mexico Hereford Junior Association (NMHJA) for 11 years. Jordan is a past New Mexico Hereford Queen and Princess. She will be a junior at Eastern New Mexico University in the fall. Jordan won the third-place National Junior Merit Award.

**Kelsey Stimpson, 20**, is the daughter of Danny and Katie Stimpson. She served as the 2016-17 chairman of the NJHA and has been a member of the association for 12 years. She was also a member of the Idaho Junior Livestock Association. Kelsey exhibited the American Hereford Association Show Heifer of the Year in 2008 and again in 2013. She will be starting her senior year at OSU in the fall. Kelsey won a Poll-ette Founders Scholarship and a second-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship.

**Miranda Stotz, 22**, is the daughter of Max and Karen Stotz. She has been a member of the NJHA and the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma for 13 years. Miranda was a top-10 senior showman at the 2017 JNHE and won the Champion Intermediate Showman title at the 2013 JNHE. Miranda will be a senior at Tarleton State University in the fall. She won a Hereford Herdsman Scholarship, the Bluegrass and Buckeye Scholarship and the third-place Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship.

**Nicholas Torrance, 14**, is the son of Scott and Monica Torrance. He has been a member of the NJHA for eight years and a member of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association (IJHA) for six years. Nicholas has served as a director for the IJHA for two years. In addition to showing, he has participated in Hereford Bowl and livestock judging at the JNHE. Nicholas won the 11th-grade Junior Golden Bull Award.

**Kristin Waters, 8**, is the daughter of Glen and Kyla Waters. She has been a member of the NJHA and the Missouri Junior Hereford Associations (MJHA) for five years. She served on the MJHA meals committee for the 2016 JNHE and was a peewee participant in showmanship and livestock judging at the 2016 JNHE. Kristin won the third-grade Junior Prospect Award. **HW**