



\$150,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO HEREFORD YOUTH

The Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) awarded a total of \$150,000 in scholarships to 24 different youth on Thursday, Oct. 22, at the American Hereford Association's (AHA) virtual awards ceremony during the AHA Annual Membership Meeting and Conference.

"The foundation is home to several scholarship endowments that honor breed leaders, Hereford legends and legacies," says HYFA President Ray Ramsey. "As we recognize this fall's scholarship recipients, HYFA congratulates the college students and salutes the donors and families who make these opportunities possible. These young people are living out HYFA's mission, and by helping them better their education we are paving the way for them to become leaders who will one day leave their legacy on the industry they are the most passionate about."

Many generous donations throughout the years from multiple supporters of Hereford youth make these scholarships possible.

THE FALL 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS AND RECIPIENTS ARE:

Ball Foundation/Cottonwood Springs Farm – \$5,000

Malina Lindstrom, Elm Creek, Neb.

With a passion for helping youth involved in the Hereford industry, Nancy Keilty and her husband Tim, of Cottonwood Spring Farm, Cedar, Mich., established this scholarship in honor of Nancy's parents, Ed and Virginia Ball.

Bar One Ranch – \$5,000

Lauren McMillan, Tiskilwa, Ill.

George and Karen Sprague of Bar One Ranch, Eugene, Ore., made a generous donation to HYFA in 2011 for an annual scholarship to be awarded in honor of Ken Tracy, a fellow Hereford breeder who lost his battle with cancer.

Gary Bishop Memorial – \$2,500

Ben Jensen, Courtland, Kan.

This scholarship is awarded to a deserving NJHA member who demonstrates many of the same outstanding qualities as Gary Bishop, who held many roles at the AHA, including director of youth activities.

Blin Family – \$2,500

KC Barnes, Hulbert, Okla.

The Jim and Randy Blin families of Iowa were owners of the dispersed Star Lake Cattle Ranch in Oklahoma, which consigned the first Foundation Female at the Mile High Night Sale in Denver.

Bob and Dolores Call – \$5,000

Abigail Spindle, Moriarty, N.M.

The late Bob Call was a founding member of the HYFA board. This scholarship is given annually in honor of Bob and his wife, Dolores.

EE Ranches – \$5,000

Bailey Morrell, Willows, Calif., and Peyton Schmitt, Birmingham, Iowa

In honor of Jo Ellard and her late husband, Bill, two scholarships are given annually to deserving Hereford youth.

HYFA – \$2,500

Kira Sayre, Arenzville, Ill.

This scholarship is designed to provide recognition for outstanding members of the NJHA and to encourage individual and cooperative effort, enthusiasm, excellence, leadership, academic success and achievement.

Bob and Lucy Kube – \$2,500

Hattie Duncan, Wingate, Ind.

This annual scholarship honors Bob and Lucy Kube. Bob dedicated many years to serving on the HYFA board and supports the development of young leaders.

Ken and Carolyn Larson – \$2,500

Austin Folkman, Ixonia, Wis.

This scholarship is awarded annually in honor of Ken and Carolyn Larson of Texas who are longtime supporters

of Hereford youth and purchased the first Foundation Female.

MGM Memorial – \$2,500

Taylor Dieball, Little River, Kan.

The MGM Memorial Scholarship was established by the Merry family of MGM Polled Herefords, Hartford, Wis., and recognizes youth who are passionate about Hereford cattle and are interested in becoming a veterinarian.

Perks Ranch – \$5,000

Nicholas Torrance, Media, Ill.

This scholarship was established to honor Doug Perk's legacy and leadership on the HYFA board.

Tennessee River Music Inc. – \$2,500

Wyatt Lawrence, Princeton, Minn.

Randy and Kelly Owen of Tennessee River Music (TRM) sparked momentum for HYFA's success and growth through their Music on the Mountain event. This scholarship honors TRM's support.

Whitehead/Rocking Chair Ranch – \$2,500

Sydney Dvorak, Lake Andes, S.D.

Whitehead/Rocking Chair Ranch honors Loyd Whitehead of Texas, who has been an instrumental part of HYFA and is dedicated to supporting Hereford youth.

Vanier Family – \$10,000

Tyler Allan, Nocona, Texas

Noah Benedict, Dewey, Ill.

Austin Cook, Greenbrier, Ark.

Blakelee Hayes, Ada, Okla.

Dixie Miller, Farmington, Ark.

Regan Mitchem, Vale, N.C.

Ralston Ripp, Kearney, Neb.

Libby Rushton, Waverly, Tenn.

Megan Underwood, Campbellsville, Ky.

Rusty Wolf, Alexandria, Ky.

The Vanier Family of CK Ranch in Brookville, Kan., awards 10 scholarships annually to youth who demonstrate exceptional commitment to higher education and who have overcome obstacles in their lives.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT BIOS:



Tyler Allan, Nocona, Texas, is the son of Dave and Becky Allan and a junior at Texas Tech University, majoring in animal science. Tyler grew

up raising and showing purebred Hereford cattle and has competed at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), where he was named champion senior showman in 2018. He was a member of Team USA at the 2020 World Hereford Conference Young Breeders Competition. Tyler has also served as a mentor to younger showmen through the Stock Show U clinics along with providing one-on-one showmanship lessons.

He was one of 10 outstanding juniors who received the Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship.



KC Barnes, Hulbert, Okla., is currently a graduate student at the University of Arkansas, pursuing a master's in agricultural economics. The

son of Kent and Diana Barnes was on the Oklahoma State University (OSU) meat judging team during his undergraduate career. He also served as president for the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma and past secretary for the American Farmers and Ranchers Collegiate Farm Bureau.

He was awarded the \$2,500 Blin Family Scholarship.



Noah Benedict, Dewey, Ill., is a junior at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is the son of Chad and Becky Benedict

and is currently serving on the NJHA board of directors. Noah has been a member of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association for the past eight years and assisted with facilitating the 2020 Illinois Junior Hereford Preview Show. He was the recent summer sales intern for Earlybird Feed & Fertilizer.

He was one of 10 outstanding juniors who received the Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship.



Austin Cook, Greenbrier, Ark., is the son of Bryan and Jennifer Cook and is a senior at the University of Arkansas studying agricultural

business. He was active in 4-H and FFA growing up. He placed in the top six in the National FFA Talent Contest and was awarded first place in the Arkansas State 4-H beef record book contest. He received the 11th Grade Junior Golden Bull award in 2016.

He was one of 10 outstanding juniors who received the Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship.



Taylor Dieball, Little River, Kan., daughter of Cory and Sally Dieball, is a sophomore at Butler Community College where she is a member of the

livestock judging team. Taylor is majoring in pre-veterinarian with future plans to attend veterinary school. She was recognized as the 2020 Kansas FFA Beef Production Entrepreneurship winner.

She was awarded the \$2,500 MGM Memorial Scholarship.



Hattie Duncan, Wingate, Ind., is a senior at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, majoring in animal science. She previously worked in

the beef nutrition lab on campus, assisting graduate students with their projects. The 20-year-old daughter of David and Jill Duncan has grown up raising Hereford cattle and hopes her future career allows her to play a positive role in the beef industry.

She was awarded the \$2,500 Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship.



Sydney Dvorak, Lake Andes, S.D., is a senior at South Dakota State University, majoring in early childhood education-coop program and

minoring in history. The daughter of Boyd and Jennie Dvorak and a member of the NJHA, Sydney is active in the South Dakota Junior Hereford Association and has served as vice president and president.

She was awarded the \$2,500 Whitehead Ranch Scholarship.



Austin Folkman, Ixonia, Wis., is the son of Steve and Jill Folkman and grew up volunteering for his local FFA chapter since the fourth grade.

He spent time helping members plant crops, putting up signage for test plots and harvesting crops. In high school, he volunteered at the All Hands Boatworks where veterans and students build wooden boats. Austin is a junior studying at the Waukesha County Technical College



and after college he hopes to own his own welding/fabricating business.

He was awarded the \$2,500 Ken and Carolyn Larson Scholarship.



Blakelee Hayes, Ada, Okla., a junior at Oklahoma State University, is studying agricultural business with a concentration in accounting. Blakelee

is the daughter of Jennifer and the late Jeff Hayes and has shown cattle at the local, state and national levels since 2008. She is a member of the Oklahoma Junior Cattleman's Association and the NJHA.

She was one of 10 outstanding juniors who received the Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship.



Ben Jensen, Courtland, Kan., is the son of Kevin and Sheila Jensen. Ben attended Butler Community College and was a member of the livestock judging team.

He graduated with Order of the Purple and was on the President's Honor Roll. He is now a junior at Kansas State University. Ben has been competing at the JNHE since he was seven.

He was awarded the \$2,500 Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship.



Wyatt Lawrence, Princeton, Wis., is a junior studying agriculture and food business management at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

The son of Bryan and Marytina Lawrence serves on the NJHA board of directors. Wyatt was awarded second place in oral reasons at the Nebraska Cattleman's College Judging Contest. He is a member of the Minnesota Junior Hereford Breeders board and currently serves as president.

He was awarded the \$2,500 Tennessee River Music Inc. Scholarship.



Malina Lindstrom, Elm Creek, Neb., is a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is the daughter of Nathan and Jeanette Lindstrom. She is

double majoring in agricultural and environmental sciences communication and animal science, with an emphasis in food animal production and management. In 2019, Malina was the champion 4-H beef showman, 4-H swine showman and overall FFA swine showman at the Nebraska State Fair.

She was awarded the \$5,000 Ball Foundation/Cottonwood Springs Farm Scholarship.



Lauren McMillian, Tiskilwa, Ill. is a sophomore at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, majoring in agriculture leadership. The

19-year-old daughter of Kyle and Jodi McMillan has a true passion for the Hereford breed and its members. An active member in the NJHA, she currently serves on the association's board of directors. She has attended every Faces of Leadership Conference since she became age eligible and credits this experience to making lifelong friendships and broadening her perspective of the diversity of the agriculture industry.

She was awarded the \$5,000 Bar One Ranch Scholarship.



Dixie Miller, Farmington, Ark., is a senior studying animal science and agricultural communications at the University of Arkansas. She is

the 22-year-old daughter of Christy Westlin. Dixie has been an active member of the NJHA, has served as an ambassador for the JNHE and has attended the Faces of Leadership Conference. Dixie was selected as the 2019 Hutchinson Community College Young Female Kansan of

the Year while concluding her junior college livestock judging career.

She was one of 10 outstanding juniors who received the Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship.



Regan Mitchem, Vale, N.C., is the daughter of Wayne and Crystal Mitchem. The 19-year-old freshman at North Carolina State University is majoring

in animal science with plans to attend veterinary school. Regan was a 2019 NJHA Junior Golden Bull recipient and in 2018 earned first place in the intermediate illustrated speech contest at the JNHE. She is also a member of the 2019 North Carolina State 4-H Livestock Judging Team.

She was one of 10 outstanding juniors who received the Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship.



Bailey Morrell, Willows, Calif., is a junior at Colorado State University, double majoring in agricultural education with an agricultural literacy

concentration and political science with an environmental policy concentration. The daughter of Barry and Carrie Morrell has held internships with the California Cattleman's Association and Ranchers Connecting Ranchers and currently serves as communications chairman on the NJHA board.

She was awarded the \$5,000 EE Ranches Scholarship.



Ralston Ripp, Kearney, Neb., is the 20-year-old daughter of Cody and Ronette Heinrich. She is a junior at the University of Nebraska double majoring in

animal science and agribusiness with a minor in Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars. Ralston is serving on the NJHA junior board of directors. She helped establish the Kearney FFA Chapter at her high school in 2016

and currently is assisting the members and supporting the program.

She was one of 10 outstanding juniors who received the Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship.



Libby Rushton, Waverly, Tenn., is the 19-year-old daughter of Lee and Andrea Rushton. The freshman at the University of Tennessee is studying agricultural

business. Libby is serving on the NJHA board and was the first runner-up in the National Hereford Queen contest. She was a participant in the Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences and was valedictorian of her class at Waverly Central High School.

She was one of 10 outstanding juniors who received the Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship.



Kira Sayre, Arenzville, Ill., is a sophomore equine science major at Colorado State University. The 19-year-old daughter of Tim and Tracie Sayre grew

up raising Hereford cattle on her family's farm. Kira served as a state director for the Illinois Junior Hereford Association. She was also a member of the winning senior Hereford Bowl team at the 2019 JNHE. In the future, Kira hopes to combine her love for Herefords and horses and work on a beef and equine operation.

She was awarded the \$2,500 HYFA Scholarship.



Peyton Schmitt, Birmingham, Iowa, is a student at Iowa State University, majoring in agriculture and life sciences education with a communications

option. The 21-year-old daughter of Ron and Karin Schmitt is passionate about sharing the story of agriculture with consumers and hopes to serve as an advocate for the agriculture industry. Peyton recently

launched her own small graphic design and photography business.

She was awarded the \$5,000 EE Ranches Scholarship.



Abigail Spindle, Moriarty, N.M., is the 21-year-old daughter of Tom and Becky Spindle. She is a senior at Texas Tech University studying agriculture

economics. Abigail has grown up in the cattle industry and has a passion for Herefords. She is serving as the vice chairman for the NJHA board and was a member of the Texas Tech livestock judging team. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career as an agricultural loan officer or insurance adjuster, while helping her family's ranch expand.

She was awarded the \$5,000 Bob and Delores Call Scholarship.



Nicholas Torrance, Media, Ill., is a junior at the University of Illinois and the son of Scott and Monica Torrance. Nicholas is majoring in crop sciences and

minoring in animal sciences. He was an active member in his local FFA chapter and received his state degree in 2018. He also was selected as the 2019 Illinois Star Farmer. After graduating from college, Nicholas plans to return to his family's farm and continue to grow their operation.

He was awarded the \$5,000 Perks Ranch Scholarship.



Megan Underwood, Campbellsville, Ky., is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in animal sciences and industry

with an emphasis in communications and marketing. The 20-year-old daughter of Doug and Darrelyn Underwood is planning to attend graduate school to earn a master's in communication and agricultural education after receiving her bachelor's degree. Megan was a member of the champion 2020 National Western Stock Show Meat Judging Team and the winner of the 2020 JNHE Senior Illustrated Speech contest.

She was one of 10 outstanding juniors who received the Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship.



Rusty Wolf, Alexandria, Ky., is a sophomore majoring in animal science at the University of Kentucky. Rusty grew up raising and showing cattle and was

an active member in his 4-H club and FFA chapter. He served as an intern for the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Office under the agriculture and natural resources agent. Recently, Rusty worked at the university's beef research and education center.

He was one of 10 outstanding juniors who received the Jack and Donna Vanier Family Scholarship. **HW**

