



Sustaining & promoting the growth of agriculture in Knox County through education & philanthropy.

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The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation was incorporated in 1985, and was founded for the purposes of Research, Education, Conservation, and Leadership Development. The Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax exempt entity that strives for development and promotion of agriculture in Knox County.

The Foundation has helped promote the importance of agriculture through providing:

- Support for Ag in the Classroom efforts in Knox County
- Scholarships for college bound seniors studying agriculture
- Internships for Knox County college students

In 2019, the Foundation Board created a new, eye-appealing logo you see above.

In 2022, the Foundation Board took time to evaluate the goals of the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation. The following Mission Statement was drafted and approved:

“Sustaining and promoting the growth of agriculture in Knox County through education and philanthropy”

By updating the logo and creating a Mission Statement, the Foundation Board looks forward to the opportunities to serve our community even more. To highlight our contributions, the Foundation would like to debut our own Newsletter. Look for this newsletter included in the Knox County Farm Bureau Bulletin!

Scholarship Winners Announced

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is proud to announce the 2023 Scholarship Winners. 6 Knox County students were awarded scholarships to continue their education in agriculture. Freshman in college are eligible for the Thomas Lincoln and one of the O'Connor Family Scholarships. Current college students are eligible for the second O'Connor Family Scholarship and the KCFB Foundation Scholarship. The Kreig Family Scholarship and a third O'Connor Family Scholarship are awarded at the discretion of the Foundation Board of Directors. The Kreig Family Scholarship is generously made in memory of Raymond Kreig of Galesburg. The O'Connor Family Scholarship is given by siblings Thomas, Marty, Teri, Ang, Michael, and Brian.

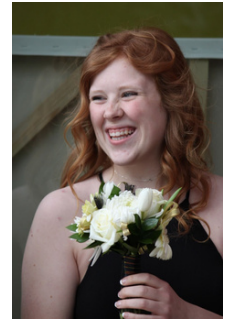
College Freshman Scholarship Winners



Anna Weibel is the daughter of Joe and Emily Weibel of Farmington. She is a 2023 graduate of Farmington Central High School and is attending Lakeland College. While at Lake Land, Anna will obtain her associate degree in Agriculture and participate on the Livestock Judging Team. After Lake Land, Anna plans to transfer to a four-year university to major in Agricultural Communications and continue judging livestock.



Emma Seiboldt is the daughter of Pat and Susan Seiboldt of Victoria. She is a 2023 graduate of ROWVA High School. She is the 7th generation to live on her family's rural farm, outside of Victoria. Emma is attending Iowa State University majoring in Biology with a minor in Ag Business.



Esther Gibb is the daughter of Josh and Stacy Gibb of Galesburg. She is a 2023 graduate of Galesburg High School. Esther is attending Carl Sandburg college to obtain an associate degree in the arts. After graduating from Sandburg, she will enroll at Olivet Nazarene University to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

Current College Student Scholarship Winners



Isabella Kuelper, daughter of John and Jessica Kuelper of Rio, is currently in her second year of the Vet Tech Program at Black Hawk East College. She is excited to continue in the program and become a Certified Technician. Isabella graduated from ROWVA High School and would like to work for a large animal veterinarian.



Katelyn Engel, daughter of Kevin and Lori Engel of Galesburg is currently a Junior at the University of Illinois where she is studying Agricultural Communications and pursuing a minor in Food and Agribusiness Management. In the future, she hopes to be a communications specialist for an agricultural organization or business.



Molly Warner, daughter of Nancy Warner of East Peoria, is currently a Senior attending the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and is majoring in Agribusiness, Markets and Management with a minor in Leadership. Molly graduated from Williamsfield High School and was very involved with 4-H.

7th Annual Golf Outing

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation hosted the 7th Annual Golf Outing on July 28 at Oak Run Golf Course. 10 teams participated! Congratulations to the Hennenfent team for placing 1st place. The team included Matt Hennenfent, Jeff Hennenfent, Blake Hennenfent, and Ross Reedy. Thanks to the sponsors who made this event so successful raising funds for the Knox County Ag in the Classroom Program!



THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING OUR 7TH ANNUAL AG IN THE CLASSROOM GOLF OUTING

Barn Raiser -\$500

Stone Seed-Mark & Matt Johnson
Midwest Bank

Harvester -\$250

Anderson State Bank
West Central FS
Compeer Financial

Cultivator -\$100

Birkey's
COUNTRY Financial- Doug
Atwater
COUNTRY Financial- Jeremy
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Galesburg Hospital Ambulance
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Tompkins State Bank
YEMM Automotive

Seed Sower -\$75

LSI Equipment Specialists
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Compton Accounting

Agriculture in the Community Grant

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is proud to announce the creation of the Agriculture in the Community Grant! In 2022, the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation adapted a new Mission Statement, "sustaining and promoting the growth of agriculture in Knox County through education and philanthropy." The Foundation has also done strategic planning with a goal of offering community grants to further the agriculture industry. These grants are available to teachers, FFA Chapters & 4-H Clubs, and community groups wanting to signify the importance of agriculture in Knox County.

Teachers- have a lesson idea that goes beyond the usual Ag in the Classroom curriculum?

FFA Chapters & 4-H Clubs- have a field trip idea that would improve groups members knowledge of agriculture?

Community Groups- have an idea that brings agriculture to the community?

Grant Guidelines:

- Grant proposals will be accepted 4 times throughout the year on the 1st of February, May, August, and November.
- Grant applications must be submitted on the application form.
- The audience of the project must include a majority of Knox County/Knox County residents.
- The recipients of the grants will be chosen based on the above criteria and guidelines along with the answers to the questions. Some applications may not be funded.
- One project may be submitted at a time per quarter.
- The grant funds may not cover all expenses related to the project.
- Projects that have a lasting impact will be favored over those with a short-term impact.
- A final report will have to be submitted within three months of completion of project.
- Publicity of the project will be coordinated with the Knox County Farm Bureau Executive Director.
- Additional information may be requested to verify the organization status.

Questions regarding the grant application should be sent to knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org

2023 Application Due Dates: November 1, 2023

2024 Application Due Dates: February 1, 2024; May 1, 2024; August 1, 2024; November 1, 2024

The application is available at www.knoxcfb.org under the Foundation tab.

A Look Back- Grain Bin Rescue Equipment Donation

In 2022, the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation was approached to help fund a grain bin rescue equipment trailer. With the help of the Galesburg Community Foundation, \$20,000 was awarded to the Oneida-Wataga Fire Protection District for a Knox County Grain Bin Rescue Equipment Trailer. Galesburg Community Foundation provided the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation with a matching \$10,000 grant. The 7 foot by 16 foot trailer will contain ropes, webbing, hand tools, ladder, personal protective gear, and a grain rescue tube. Western Grain Marketing donated the auger that is used to evacuate the grain from inside the rescue tube. Along with the rescue trailer, volunteer firefighters have to go through a 40 hour Grain Bin Rescue and Recovery Operations training to be part of the certified Knox County Rescue team. Below, are pictures of the Knox County Grain Bin Rescue Trailer. While we hope the equipment never has to be used, we are thankful to have this equipment locally. This is one of the Foundation's biggest donations, but the impact will be made for years!



If you are interested in donating to the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau Office at 309-342-2036 or knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org. You may also donate safely online using the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation PayPal account on our website at www.knoxcfb.org/foundation or scan our QR Code:

