



Scholarship Sponsorship Program

For more than 90-years, the FFA has made a positive difference in the lives of literally millions of FFA members by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Scholarships are just one of the many ways the Texas FFA Foundation can invest in our future. We are recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding students who excel both in academic and proficiency categories.

Our Scholarship Goals



With more than 170,000 students currently enrolled in agricultural education courses and approximately 119,000 Texas FFA members, our record enrollment and membership means we are working harder than ever to provide scholarship opportunities so students – making dreams come true. The Texas FFA Foundation and Texas FFA Association currently oversee and administer approximately \$2 million annually in award and academic scholarships - we need to expand this offering. The Texas FFA Foundation desires to increase the scope of FFA scholarship funding by providing FFA students who excel in Proficiency Award areas with an award scholarship.

How to Become a Scholarship Sponsor

To ensure the prosperity and longevity of our award scholarship program, the Texas FFA Foundation has an endowment fund for award scholarships. These awards are given to individual students who have excelled in proficiency areas important to agriculture, leadership and stewardship in our communities. Permanently naming a Proficiency Award is not just a gift today - it is an investment in the future. Your gift lives in perpetuity.

- To name a Texas FFA Award Scholarship, a donor must commit to a gift of \$25,000. This commitment can be executed over a five-year period. Once reaching the \$25,000 level, the naming and recognition of that award will be in the name designated by the donor.
- Should a donor wish to receive immediate recognition for their award scholarship sponsorship, they should increase their gift by \$1,000 per year. This will allow the Texas FFA Foundation to begin annual distribution of the award in the donor's name while the corpus grows to meet the naming rights of the award.

Proficiency Awards

Members who excel in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) which are work-based learning programs, or agricultural education are recognized through the Proficiency Award program. These awards encourage members to develop specialized skills for future careers. Proficiency awards serve as a catalyst for many students to make their dream of securing a college degree a reality.



How the Texas FFA Foundation is a Steward of Your Gift

The policy of the Board of Directors is to spend up to 80% of the investment earnings on the corpus of endowed scholarship funds. 20% of the investment earnings are returned to the corpus for continued growth, stability and sustainability.

Official “naming” of awards occur when the donor has met the funding requirements. Funds received annually - toward the named award - are held in escrow until the sponsorship level of \$25,000 is met.

Currently, students who receive award scholarships are awarded up to \$1,000. The Foundation Board of Directors can annually review this policy and raise the amount of the award given as long as the investment earnings provide adequate revenue to make the adjustment. The conservative investment strategy and philosophy of the Texas FFA Foundation Board of Directors is a proven method to grow our scholarship assets.

Contingencies and Transparency

In the event the National FFA Organization or Texas FFA Association changes a competition, contest or award recognized by the gift of a sponsor, the donor, or designee, will be contacted with options ranging from but not limited to:

- Awarding of a similar scholarship in a different competition
- Creating a new award through collaborative efforts with the Texas FFA Association
- Returning the gift because we are unable to meet the donor’s intent

In the event a donor cannot meet the necessary funding level within the five-year period, they forfeit the naming opportunity and the funds received to date will be used to assist other educational efforts. All attempts will be made to give the donor optimum recognition for their gift. If the intent of the donor cannot be reached and no further contact can be made with the donor or designee, the Foundation Board of Directors will have the authority to have acting stewardship of the gift.

Should you need additional information about our efforts to endow Texas FFA scholarships, please contact our office at (512) 480-8047. We stand ready to be of assistance.

2018 Proficiency Awards

Award	Sponsor
Agricultural Communications	- <i>Charles Scruggs Family</i>
Agricultural Education	- <i>J. Lawson Sowell Memorial Scholarship</i>
Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication	-
Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance – Entrepreneurship	-
Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance – Placement	-
Agricultural Processing	-
Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship	- <i>Texas Independent Ginners Association</i>
Agricultural Sales - Placement	- <i>McCoy's Building Supply</i>
Agricultural Services	- <i>VATAT Credit Union</i>
Agriscience Research – Animal Systems	-
Agriscience Research – Intergrated Systems	-
Agriscience Research – Plant Systems	-
Beef Production – Entrepreneurship	- <i>Cactus Feeders, Inc.</i>
Beef Production – Placement	- <i>George and Anne Butler Foundation</i>
Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship	-
Dairy Production – Placement	-
Diversified Agricultural Production	- <i>Texas Farm Bureau</i>
Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship	-
Diversified Crop Production – Placement	-
Diversified Horticulture	-
Diversified Livestock Production	-
Environmental Science & Natural Resources	-
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship	- <i>Guy Finstad – Texas FFA Foundation</i>
Equine Science - Placement	-
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	- <i>Texas Cotton Ginners Association</i>
Food Science & Technology	-

Forage Production	-
Forest Management & Products	- <i>J. Lawson Sowell Memorial Scholarship</i>
Fruit Production	-
Goat Production	-
Grain Production - Entrepreneurship	-
Grain Production - Placement	-
Home and/or Community Development	- <i>La Quinta Inns & Suites</i>
Landscape Management	-
Nursery Operations	-
Outdoor Recreation	-
Poultry Production - Entrepreneurship	-
Poultry Production	-
Sheep Production	-
Small Animal Production Care	-
Specialty Animal Production	-
Specialty Crop Production	-
Swine Production - Entrepreneurship	-
Swine Production - Placement	-
Turf Grass Management	-
Vegetable Production	-
Veterinary Science	-
Wildlife Production & Management	-