



# Scholarship Sponsorship Program

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For more than 96 years, the FFA has made a positive difference in the lives of 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 **265,000 students** currently enrolled in agricultural education courses and approximately **175,000 Texas FFA members**, our record enrollment and membership means we are working harder than ever to provide scholarship opportunities to students – making dreams come true.

**The Texas FFA Foundation and Texas FFA Association currently oversee and administer more than \$2.4 million annually in award and academic scholarships. We need to continue expanding 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 and academic scholarship program, the Texas FFA Foundation has an endowment fund for award scholarships. These awards are given to individual students who have excelled in academics, proficiency areas important to agriculture, and in leadership and stewardship for our communities. Permanently naming an Award Scholarship 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 provides 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. **As an option to receive immediate recognition for their award scholarship sponsorship, a donor can 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.
- **Academic scholarship endowment is a larger commitment.** \$250,000 affords us the chance to provide a \$10,000, four-year scholarship to a deserving individual in perpetuity.

# Academic Scholarship Endowments

The Texas FFA Foundation has an academic scholarship endowment to ensure students can receive these scholarships in perpetuity. Through a competitive scholarship selection process, academic scholarships are awarded annually at the State FFA Convention to deserving Texas FFA members.

- CJ Red Davidson Scholarship
- Texas Agricultural Fund Scholarship
- Texas FFA Foundation Awards
- Texas FFA Foundation Ford Leadership

# Award Endowments

To ensure the prosperity and longevity of our award scholarship program, which is offered to Texas FFA members through competition, the Texas FFA Foundation has created an endowment fund for award scholarships. These awards are given to individual student excellence and membership on winning teams. The awards are given at the state level and represent the best in each contest awarded.

- Cactus Feeders
- Cavender's
- Charles Scruggs Family
- George and Anne Butler Foundation
- J. Lawson Sowell Memorial
- Wyndham Hotels & Resorts
- McCoy's Building Supply
- Texas Cotton Ginners' Association
- Texas Ducks Unlimited / Tom Johnson
- Texas Farm Bureau
- Texas FFA Foundation
- VATAT Credit Union





# Proficiency Awards

Members who excel in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), a work-based learning program, or in 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.

*“As Justin celebrates 145 years of heritage, we recognize the importance of supporting the Texas FFA. Our continued partnership is rooted in the shared commitment to empower youth, fostering leadership, innovation, and a strong work ethic. By investing in the Texas FFA, we contribute to the cultivation of a resilient and skilled generation, ensuring they are well-equipped to lead with excellence, carrying forward a legacy that spans generations.”*

**John Sweeney, President, Justin Brands**

# 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.

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*The Texas FFA Foundation and Texas FFA Association are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and contributions are tax deductible.*

# 2024 Proficiency Awards

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Award	Sponsor
Agricultural Communications	Charles Scruggs Family
Agricultural Education	J. Lawson Sowell Memorial
Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication	
Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship	
Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement	
Agricultural Processing	
Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship	
Agricultural Sales - Placement	McCoy's Building Supply
Agricultural Services	VATAT Credit Union
Agriscience Research – Animal Systems	Texas FFA Foundation
Agriscience Research – Intergrated Systems	
Agriscience Research – Plant Systems	Texas FFA Foundation
Beef Production – Entrepreneurship	Cactus Feeders, Inc.
Beef Production – Placement	George and Anne Butler Foundation
Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship	
Dairy Production – Placement	
Diversified Agricultural Production	Texas Farm Bureau
Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship	
Diversified Crop Production – Placement	
Diversified Horticulture	
Diversified Livestock Production	Cavender's
Environmental Science & Natural Resources	
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship	



# 2024 Proficiency Awards

Award	Sponsor
Equine Science - Placement	
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	Texas Cotton Ginners' Association
Food Science and Technology	
Forage Production	
Forest Management and Products	J. Lawson Sowell Memorial
Fruit Production	
Goat Production	
Grain Production - Entrepreneurship	
Grain Production - Placement	
Home and/or Community Development	Wyndham Hotels & Resorts
Landscape Management	
Nursery Operations	
Outdoor Recreation	Cavender's
Poultry Production	J. Lawson Sowell Memorial
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	Cavender's
Wildlife Production and Management	Texas Ducks Unlimited / Tom Johnson

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