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2016 MINNESOTA LIVESTOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association Scholarship is presented each year to 4-H and FFA youth who are active members and exhibitors during the year of application. The participants are selected based on leadership experience and personal growth achievements. Additionally the scholarship rewards academic excellence and outstanding livestock production.

Committing to exceptional youth as an investment to further the agricultural industry, the MLBA is proudly awarding \$54,000 in scholarships to 37 outstanding youth. This year, 2 of the scholarships are \$4,000, 11 of the scholarships are \$2,000 in value and 24 are \$1,000. "The support from the greater livestock community is phenomenal and very appreciated," Steve Pooch, MLBA Secretary.

The funding equation for the scholarships is a combination of donations from livestock industry leaders and supporters, matched by MLBA purple ribbon auction proceeds. Each year during the Minnesota 4-H State Fair a purple ribbon auction is conducted selling the premiums of outstanding youth livestock exhibits with 78% of the funds going directly to the youth and the remaining invested in the scholarship fund and expenses related to the auction.

\$4,000 Award Recipients:	County:	Sponsor:
Ryan Donkers	Rice	Skyride DMC-Don McClure
Riley Donkers	Rice	John & Sue Story & Associates
\$2,000 Award Recipients:	County:	Sponsor:
Carson Bryan	Goodhue	LA-CO Industries
Mallory Carlson	Swift	Riverview LLP
Leah Giess	Morrison	Midwest Machinery
Jakob Hicks	Lyon	Boehringer Ingelheim
Anna Johnson	Wadena	Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota

Brigit Lozinski	Yellow Medicine	MN Pork Board
Christian Netzke	Redwood	IDEAg Farmfest, American Farm Bureau
Juliana Pederson	Cottonwood	AgStar Financial Services
Abby Penzenstadler	Chisago	MN Farmers Union
Paige Pitlick	Scott	Boehringer Ingelheim
Sabrina Portner	Brown	Gislason & Hunter Law Firm, Gary Koch & Michael Dove

\$1,000 Award Recipients:	County:	Sponsor:
Riley Arthur	Steele	In Memory of Wayne Bollum
Chase DeFrang	Olmsted	Corn Roast, Brad & Lori Ribar
Andrew Gathje	Fillmore	Commodity & Ingredient Hedging
Tyler Gustafson	Watonwan	Martin Co. Pork Producers
Daniel Hayes	Nicollet	Jake & Lindsay Grass
Lauren Hendel	Houston	Anderson Seeds
Cole Ignaszewski	Steele	Big Gain
Samantha Larson	Pennington	Duke's Poutine
Molly Maudal	Douglas	Interstate Power Systems
Joanna Moser	Stevens	Kent Thiesse & Greg Harder
Kayla Mulhern	Fillmore	Hubbard Feeds
Ashley Nye	Scott	MN Corn Growers Association
Whitney Olson	Douglas	Zinpro
Eric Otte	Dakota	In Memory of Helen Anderson
Brandon Peeters	Steele	Smithfield
Maggie Post	Jackson	Elanco
Brian Prchal	Le Sueur	Anderson Seeds
Shantel Raatz	Pipestone	MN Simmental Association
Kyle Rickeman	McLeod	United FCS
Brady Schutte-meier	Houston	Hormel
Laura Stobb	Mille Lacs	Interstate Power Systems
Shianne Teas	Aitkin	MN State Cattlewomen
Gavin Viland	Pipestone	Isabel Burke's Salt Water Taffy
Samuel Virnig	Mille Lacs	MN State Cattlemen's Association