



Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION

for the future of farms & food

2020 - 2021 Report to Donors & Contributors

College Scholarships

Foundation Ag & General Scholarships

Awarded to students of KCFB members pursuing higher education for degrees and careers in agricultural fields of study. Five recipients received scholarship awards of \$1,000 to \$1,250 for college this fall.



Nine scholars gather round the Vintage Truck Raffle prize after 2020's scholarship awards ceremony.

President's Scholarship

Recognizes the most outstanding local high school senior seeking higher education in an agricultural field of study. 2021-22's award of \$1,500 went to **Grant Baldrige** of Elburn.



Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship

Jessica Dumoulin of Hampshire was named the recipient of this award, established by the family & friends of former Farm Bureau Director and long-time volunteer, Chuck Swanson. It provides a scholarship for a student residing in Kane County pursuing an ag related degree.



AGCO Parts Scholarships

Funded by the employees of AGCO Parts Division in Batavia. Two \$1,000 awards for students from Illinois pursuing a degree in an agricultural related career field of study. This year's recipients were **Jack Yore** of Elburn and **Tyler Ekstrom** of Sycamore.



John Buck Memorial Scholarships

Austin Cook of Malta and **Catherine Austin** of Harvard were chosen to receive these \$1,500 awards offered to students in the 8 county Buck Bros./J.W. Turf service area. It was established in 2001 in memory of Buck Bros. Inc. founder John Buck by friends & family of the late John Deere dealer.



AGCO Platinum Scholarship

Funded by the employees of AGCO Parts Division in Batavia, provides one \$2,500 award for a student from Illinois who has completed one full year of college education and is pursuing a degree in an agricultural related career field of study. This year's recipient was **Sophia McComb** of Sycamore.

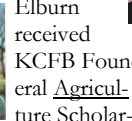


AGCO Parts - AGCO Global Women's Network Scholarship

Funded by employees of AGCO Parts Division, Batavia, two \$1,000 awards were granted female students pursuing degrees in agricultural related career fields. This year's recipients are **Kyla Baldrige** of Elburn & **Anastasia Kurth** of Geneva.



Mitchell Majewski and **Lauren Arbir**, both of St. Charles and **Katie Dunteman** and **Shelby Hannula**, both of Elburn received KCFB Foundation General Agriculture Scholarships.



Community Needs

AGCO Parts Division, Batavia and the KCFB Foundation raised over \$9,000 for farm-accident victims in 2018. AGCO sold tractor Pillow Pets at the 13th annual Touch-A-Tractor event to raise money for families who suffered from farm accidents. The KCFB Foundation is always ready to support needs in the farm community and welcomes the partnership from like minded groups and businesses.

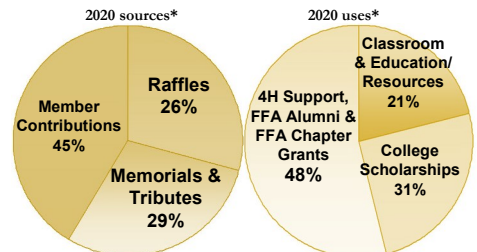


Internship Programs

Typically offered during summer, winter or mid-term breaks, to students who have completed 30 undergraduate hours, for 2020-21 **McKenna Berglind**, a Burlington High School student served as KCFB intern, as part of her Supervised Agricultural Experience, to develop professional skills & build on her knowledge about agriculture and AITC programs.



FOUNDATION Funding



*Sources exclude ROI, Uses exclude Harvest for ALL, where 100% of contributions are channeled directly to local food pantries, with no administrative costs.

Hunger Relief

KCFB Foundation's unique 2018-19 initiative to build demand for milk and benefit local food pantries. Nearly \$25,000 was raised in 8 months for local food pantries! The Challenge was completed at Lenkaitis' Holsteins Dairy Open House on June 29th, 2019, with the support of sponsors and an Ice Cream Social for attendees.



Ag Literacy Library

The Foundation helps fund many Ag Literacy Programs. The Ag Literacy Library at the Farm Bureau has hundreds of books with agricultural themes. Farm Bureau members can check out books on topics ranging from gardening to children's stories about life on the farm. Thanks to donations and memorial contributions, the collection continues to grow.

Raffle Fundraisers

The **Vintage Truck Raffle** is the Foundation's biggest fundraiser. For 2021 the Foundation raffle gives supporters a chance at winning one of three prizes. The grand prize winner could take home a 1972 Chevy Cheyenne C20 OR \$3,500 cash. Second prize is \$500 in groceries and third prize is \$500 in fuel. The raffle gives truck enthusiasts something to look forward to as they help provide funds for the Foundation. 2021 drawing is September 9.



The Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports education, leadership development, research & charitable activities for the benefit of agriculture and farm families.



SPROUTS

During SPROUTS (Spring Program of Reading Outreach to Urban Teachers & Students), volunteers are asked to visit classrooms to read an agriculture themed book to third graders and explain how farmers grow the world's food, fuel & fiber. A copy of the book is donated to each classroom. Slowed by the pandemic, KCFB hopes to revive the program in 2022. SPROUTS is supported through a memorial fund in honor of Bob Konen.



Summer Ag Institutes

The Foundation provides support for KCFB Summer Ag Institutes for teachers. Institutes are graduate credit courses on ag research, inputs, production, and marketing. It provides a broad overview of Kane County farms and agribusiness.



Tributes

Whether to remember a loved one, celebrate a family's agricultural heritage, or simply show support of Farm Bureau and the Foundation, **Centennial Grove**, a grove of hardwood trees on the Farm Bureau property, offers a fitting & permanent public venue. The Foundation also works with donors to support the farm and food causes that matter most to them and their families.



Memorials

Foundation Memorials have been established by the family and friends of several Farm Bureau Members upon the passing of a loved one. Funds may be earmarked by contributors to benefit specific Foundation programs, establish a memorial scholarship, or for other purposes that fall within our Foundation's mission..

Food for Tomorrow

KCFB Foundation raises funds for classroom education about food and farming and provides college scholarships for local students studying for careers in agriculture. There will be 2 billion more people to feed globally by 2050. Between 2015 and 2020, there were 57,900 annual openings for careers within agriculture. But statistics show a gap of 22,500 college grads annually for jobs in agriculture related fields.

To meet the global food challenge, farming, ag & food policy must attract and retain the best minds. Support of the Foundation funds classroom outreach, getting kids excited about the industry and teaching them how their food is raised. It also provides annual college scholarships for students in ag majors to help fill that gap and provide Food for Tomorrow.

FFA Chapter Grants

FFA Chapter Grants recognize the contributions of Kane County FFA Chapters in the success of Foundation programs. In 2020, three Kane County Chapters capitalized on the grant, receiving a total of over \$1,500 for participation in KCFB activities.



Touch-A-Tractor

Our annual farm-city community service event offers the public a unique look at the machines that farmers use to grow the world's food. Our 15th Annual Touch-A-Tractor at the Farm Bureau included antique and modern tractors, family fun, interactive activities for the kids and lots of support from area FFA Chapters!



Ag Days

For 35 years, AgDays has provided fourth graders and teachers from urban and suburban schools the opportunity to learn about farming through a series of 5-minute presentations from farmers, local businesses and agricultural groups. Longevity and volunteer support show its importance & explain why the Foundation provides financial support to this Ag-in-the-Classroom program.



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John Buck Memorial Golf Outing

Established in 2001 by an endowment in memory of the late John Deere dealer, the proceeds raised from this annual benefit fund John Buck Memorial Scholarships, administered by the Foundation.



Bucket Raffles & Silent Auctions

The Foundation hosts annual Bucket Raffles at the County Fair. Local businesses donate items and gift certificates. Fairgoers buy raffle tickets (\$1) to place in the bucket of the prize(s) they hope to win.



FFA Alumni Support

In 2020 the KCFB Foundation granted \$20,000 to Hinckley-Big Rock FFA Alumni towards completion of an Ag Education Center on the school campus!



For the Future of Farms & Food

- YES! I'd like to support the future of farms & food with this donation to the FOUNDATION in the amount of:
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- Please make this a recurring monthly gift (Your credit card will be billed this amount each month)

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Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

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