

Board Doubles Awards to \$1,000 per Recipient this Year

Western Arkansas Awards \$20,000 in Academic Scholarships

Farm Credit of Western Arkansas Board of Directors doubled the association's scholarship program in 2011 by increasing awards from \$500 to \$1,000 per recipient. As in years past, 20 recipients were selected.

The directors' decision further illustrates the association's commitment to supporting some of western Arkansas' most talented young people - tomorrow's agricultural leaders.

This year's 20 winners are a diverse group with a variety of ag-related experience and interests. One joins the college judging team and will continue to show her champion steers. Another began building her own impressive cattle herd from the age of 14 and is attending a local college so that she can live at home and continue to personally care for her animals. Another has been an active 4-H member and respected youth livestock mentor but is following a calling into the ministry.

Some were raised on farms and plan to continue farming themselves. Some plan to share their agricultural values in the classroom. Still others appreciate their agricultural roots, but are following dreams of off-farm career paths. One thing is certain, all are carrying the fundamental values of western Arkansas agriculture to exciting places in the future.

We proudly support these students, their accomplishments and all they will achieve through education. Thank you for representing Farm Credit on college campuses across the state and region!

Western Arkansas has awarded a total of \$140,000 in scholarships over the past 13 years. Take a look at these young people - *you're looking at some of tomorrow's agricultural leaders!*



Matthew Beck
University of Arkansas
Chem Eng/AN Science



Cassie Godwin
Connors State College
Ag Research



Emily Kaufman
Arkansas Tech University
Ag Business/Pre-Vet



Lindsey Mitchell
So. Arkansas University
Ag Business

Interested in applying for a 2012 scholarship award?

Youth members, dependents of members and grandchildren of members qualify.

Open to graduating high school seniors and current college students with at least one year of education remaining.

Awards recognize outstanding academic, leadership, agricultural and extra-curricular achievements.

Information and application forms available from your local branch office as well as from our website (myaglender.com) after January 1, 2012.

2012 applications will be due in early May.





Clayton Brixey
Hillsdale Bible College
Ministry



Taylor Burgess
Arkansas Tech University
Pre-Law



Dustin Dixon
University of Arkansas
Poultry Science



Cody Gallagher
University of Arkansas
Ag Education



Brittini Hamilton
U of A-Ft. Smith
Nursing



Jacob Harriman
University of Arkansas
Ag Business



Kelsey Hedge
Henderson State
Nursing



Jeremy Henry
Oklahoma State University
Ag Business

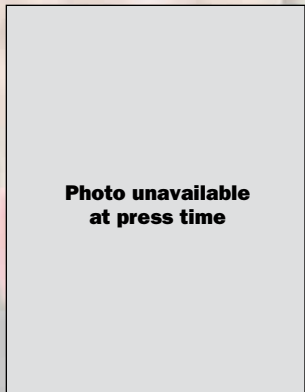


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Zachary Mainer
Hendrix College
Psychology



Katelyn Mellon
Arkansas Tech University
Ag Business/Pre-Vet



Brittney Miller
Rich Mountain Community
Animal Science



Cheyenne Moyer
NE Oklahoma A&M
Ag Business/AN Science



Katherine Parker
Arkansas Tech University
Biology



Kelsey Parmenter
Arkansas Tech University
Ag Business



Travis Steelman
NW Tech Institute
Diesel Tech