

Scholarships offered for student truckers

Truck drivers are critical for transporting farm commodities, inputs and food throughout Illinois and the nation. The IAA Foundation is pleased to administer the Driving Agriculture Forward Scholarship to help offset the cost of needed commercial truck driver training and ensure more well-trained, safe drivers are available.

“We are pleased to diversify the types of scholarships available through our program,” said Jennifer Smith, development manager, IAA Foundation. “We are encouraged by the insightfulness of donors who choose to support all facets of agriculture.”

In late 2021, the Illinois Farm Bureau committed to funding the Driving Agriculture Forward Scholarship. This donor agreement will continue for the next five years.

Applicants enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a commercial driver training program at an Illinois Community College are encouraged to apply. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded every three months and are based on the Illinois Farm Bureau region where the applicant resides.

All applicants must be Illinois residents and must provide proof of enrollment in during the corresponding award cycle. Additionally, an endorsement is required from a farmer, County Farm Bureau leader, agribusiness, or food processing business.

Full eligibility guidelines and the link to apply is available on the foundation website, www.iaafoundation.org.

For more information, contact your County Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or e-mail Jennifer Smith at jsmith@ilfb.org

Next Outlook features Zaner market analyst

Ted Seifried, vice president and chief market strategist with Zaner Ag Hedge, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, July 7, at 6:15 p.m. at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona.

Dinner will be served followed by an update from Tom Parchert, Big River Resources. Reservations are required and must be made by June 30 to guarantee your attendance.

Ted is a vice president at Zaner in charge of Zaner Ag Hedge. He specializes in agricultural hedging employing various strategies using futures, futures spreads, outright options and options combinations. He believes it is paramount to be able to use different strategies to adapt to market conditions.

Ted works one-on-one with large to mid-size grain and livestock producers and end users throughout the world. In the media, Ted is often quoted by Dow Jones, Reuters, WSJ and Bloomberg. Ted is a recurring guest analyst on Bloomberg TV, Ag Day, RFDtv, Market to Market and



Ted Seifried

Agritalk with Chip Flory.

Zaner is a family owned and operated full-service brokerage firm founded in 1980. They work with clients closely to create client-specific customized hedging strategies. They employ different strategies based on client needs and market conditions. Zaner is CFTC registered and is a member of NFA, NIBA, Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and is a Better Business Bureau A+ accredited business.

Cost for the single session is \$30 (if not pre-registered, the cost will be \$35). To make reservations, please call the Henry County Farm Bureau 309-937-2411, Rock Island County Farm Bureau 309-736-7432 or Mercer County Farm Bureau 309-582-5116.

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees in conjunction with: Gold Star FS, BankORION, Country Financial – Brent Bigham, Chad Nelson, John Waugh; Central Bank, River Valley Cooperative, Wyffels Hybrids, Compeer Financial (Aledo and Geneseo), Blackhawk Bank & Trust, Hertz Farm Management.

\$22,000 in scholarships awarded

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2022 scholarships. This award is given to outstanding high school students who have achieved a well-rounded high school and collegiate career and understand the value of volunteerism. These applicants were selected based upon their academic, school and community involvement by an independent committee appointed by the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors.

This year, the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation awarded two \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The 2022 Foundation Scholarship winners are:

• Dylan Craver, son of Jill and Jeff Craver, a 2022 graduate of Rockridge High School. He will study agribusiness operations at Black Hawk East this fall.

• Erica Coyne, daughter of James Coyne, a 2022 graduate of Sherrard High School. She will attend Illinois State University this fall with plans to study exercise science.

These scholarships have been made possible thanks to the financial gifts from several families. We also want to extend our sincere appreciation to the family of Myron and Helen Mueller, who donated over \$5,000 to the foundation in support of funding one of the Foundation Scholarships each year beginning in 2009. Currently, because of their additional giving, the funds have grown and will help fund a foundation scholarship each year until the funding is exhausted.

The family of Glenn Mueller; the Lowell Johnson Charitable Foundation; and the Churchill Family Foundation have all contributed dollars towards the scholarships for the RICFB Foundation as well.

KEPPY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

This year, three Farm Bureau member dependents will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for their continuing education courtesy of the Wilbert and Carol Keppy Charitable Foundation. The 2022 Keppy Scholarship winners are:

• Ella Rursch, daughter of Darrin and Keri Rursch, a 2021 graduate of Rockridge High School. She attends University of Wisconsin-Platteville studying agribusiness operations.

• Tyler Bohnert, son of Scott and Karen Bohnert, a 2022 graduate of United Township High School. He will attend University of Wisconsin-Platteville and study agribusiness operations.

• Desiree Reid, daughter of Joseph Reid and Christina Reid, a 2022 graduate of Rockridge High School. She will attend Iowa State University with a major in animal sciences this fall.

GEORGE AND IRENE STULZ FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

This year, two Farm Bureau member dependents will receive \$1,000 scholarships towards their post-secondary education courtesy of the George and Irene Stulz Family Scholarship. The 2022 Stulz Scholarship winners are:

• Mia Freyermuth, daughter of Todd and Liane Freyermuth, a 2020 graduate of Rockridge High School. Mia will be a junior at Western Illinois University this fall. She is majoring in agribusiness operations.

• Hunter Johnson, son of Scott and Jamie Johnson, a 2020 graduate of Rockridge High School. Hunter will be a junior this fall attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln studying animal sciences.

The Stulz Family Scholarship was established in 2018. The scholarship awards money to post-secondary students enrolled as a junior or senior at a four-year university with a career focus in an agricultural field.

KENNETH BUSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This year, one Farm Bureau member dependent will receive a \$2,000 scholarship toward their post-secondary education courtesy of the Kenneth Bush Memorial Scholarship. The 2022 Bush Scholarship winner is:

• Evan DeKeyrel, son of Andrew and Jodi DeKeyrel, a 2022 graduate of Rockridge High School. Evan plans to study agricultural production at Black Hawk East this fall.

The Kenneth Bush Memorial Scholarship was established in 2020 by the Kenny Bush family. Kenny and Marilyn Bush have been long-time supporters of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau and its foundation. Inducted into the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation in 2011, both served on the foundation board of directors for years. Their belief of hard work, education and the value of family and faith is of the utmost importance in life. Kenny also served as the vice-president of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau from 1968-1970 and president from 1970-1974. Kenny Bush passed away in April 2020 and his family dedicated a generous scholarship contribution to be awarded annually in his honor.

A reminder that scholarship applications are available from the Farm Bureau office around Jan. 1 each year and are open to those Farm Bureau members who have been a current Rock Island County Farm Bureau member for two years or more. For more information regarding the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation and their scholarships, please contact the FB office at 309-736-7432, or visit www.ricofarmbureau.org/foundation.

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Calendar of Events

JUNE – DAIRY MONTH!

20	RICFB Board of Directors meeting
29	RICFB Foundation Scholarship Awards Luncheon
29	District 3 Local Government Workshop; more info to come
30	RSVPs due for Market Outlook with Ted Seifried
30	Young Leaders Bags Tournament

JULY

4	4th of July; office closed
7	Market Outlook with Ted Seifried, Lavender Crest Winery
18	RICFB Board of Directors meeting
19-23	Rock Island County Fair
26-28	RICFB Summer Ag Institute
30	Young Leaders Ethanol Promotion



THURS., JUNE 30, 2022
CHECK-IN: 5:30 P.M.
START TIME: 6 P.M.

LOCATION: Lloyd's Longbranch
301 N. Main St, Reynolds

RSVP by June 23

***COST:**
\$20 (Now – June 23)
\$30 (After June 23)
\$40 (Day of, walk-ins)
\$10 to buy back into the toilet bowl bracket.

*Payment at the event,
cash or check only.

1ST PLACE: BAGS SET
MADE BY FFA

2ND PLACE: COOLERS

• T-shirts available for purchase

• Drink specials

• Musical entertainment by Chuck Murphy



REGISTER TODAY!

Proceeds benefit the Mercer & Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundations for scholarships & Ag in the Classroom programming



*Our office will be closed on Monday,
July 4, to celebrate Independence Day.
We wish everyone happy and safe
Fourth of July!*