

MICHIGAN LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Scholarships for CANR students with an interest in
beef cattle, sheep, swine, equine, meats, or food animal pre-vet

Deadline: March 1, 2019

Student qualifications:

- Must be a current MSU CANR undergraduate
- Must have completed ≥ 12 college credits
- Must have a cumulative GPA of ≥ 2.5

Applications/Selection:

- Applications are made available in the ANS undergraduate office and online in early spring.
- Based on the written application, the Foundation Board selects a percentage of students for face-to-face interviews.
- The interview is critical for selection and award of a scholarship.
- Students unable to physically attend the interview must make special arrangements with the Foundation Board.
- Scholarship awards are for the following fall and/or spring semester.

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Background

The MLISF provides scholarships for students exhibiting academic excellence, leadership potential, and those pursuing careers in the livestock industry (beef cattle, sheep, swine, meat products and equine). The scholarship ensures that gifted and motivated young leaders enter careers in the livestock and allied industries.

The foundation recognizes industry leaders and significant donors to the fund by establishing named scholarships.

The foundation's board members meet annually to review student applications and typically award between 10 and 15 scholarships. The foundation board represents the various segments of the Michigan livestock industry.

Students receiving scholarships have a broad range of interests including large animal veterinary medicine, research, production, marketing, allied industries, and government.

The first scholarship was awarded in 1967. Since then, the MLISF has played a significant role in advancing the education of talented and dedicated MSU students.

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Frequently Asked Questions

“The scholarships provide tangible support for young adults as they pursue careers in animal agriculture. As a past recipient, I can attest to the importance of that support, both financially and emotionally. Without a doubt, one of the greatest challenges we will face as an industry is the preparation of future leaders to keep our businesses and organizations strong.”

*Ms. Bridgett Voisinet
Past Recipient
Director of Organizational
Development, NorthStar
Cooperative, Inc.*

“By providing critical dollars for my education, the MLIS afforded the time to become involved in clubs and activities where leadership and personal development skills are learned and refined. The scholarship also gave me the opportunity to meet industry leaders who have since become business associates, as well as good friends.”

*Mr. Scott Acker
Past Recipient
Senior Regional Manager,
United Producers, Inc.*

Who should apply?

Students in any major that are pursuing careers in the beef cattle, sheep, swine, meats or horse industry and plan to work in the livestock industry are encouraged to apply.

I'm interested in dairy cattle and the dairy industry, should I submit an application?

The dairy industry has a very successful endowment in the department for students interested in the dairy industry. If you are developing an interest that includes both livestock and dairy, please complete both applications.

Where can I pick up an application?

The Dept. of Animal Science sends applications to all ANS majors in Spring term. If you are interested in submitting an application, please contact Ms. Tracy Rich, 1250 Anthony Hall, for an application approximately February 1.

What is the timeline?

Applications are due approximately March 1 each year. The board will review applications and invite a selected pool of students for interviews during the annual meeting that is held in April. Students receiving awards will be granted the scholarship for the next academic year, beginning in the fall term.

I am planning to go to Vet School. Should I apply?

If you are interested in large animal practice and production based medicine, application is highly encouraged. While the MLISF cannot grant awards to you while in Veterinary School, we can help you during undergraduate years.

Are there any restrictions to apply?

Applicants must have completed at least 12 semester credits of college courses (MSU or transfer) and have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Are the scholarships renewable?

Yes, as long as you apply each year and remain an undergraduate at MSU and are selected by the board.

How many scholarships and how large are the awards?

Between 10 and 15 scholarships are generally given. The awards are generally for \$1,000 - \$1,500 in each of the fall and spring semesters.



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