

## Minnesota State Fair Youth Scholarship Recipients Announced

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St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota State Fair has long been invested in the educational endeavors of young adults from greater Minnesota and is pleased to announce the worthy recipients of the Minnesota State Fair Scholarship. Despite the cancellation of the 2020 Minnesota State Fair, the fair was committed to continuing the tradition of offering scholarship opportunities to deserving youth based on their leadership and achievement in youth livestock programs, as well as their involvement in the local community.

The 20 recipients of the Minnesota State Fair Scholarship are:

- Jessica Beckendorf of Renville
- Emily Bollum of Austin
- Luke Borst of Rochester
- Brenna Connelly of Byron
- Olivia Flack of Lake Crystal
- Renae Harvey of Lake City
- Emily Jopp of Richmond
- Bridget Kaari of Stillwater
- Adrienne Lipinski of Eden Valley
- Emma Loveless of Owatonna
- Catherine Nelson of Ada
- Sophia Nienaber of Scandia
- Anna Prchal of Montgomery
- Isaac Rott of Elgin
- Owen Scheffler of Zumbrota
- Zoey Schentzel of Farmington
- Bailee Schiefelbein of Kimball
- Kendra Waldenberger of Spring Grove
- Madelyn Wehe of Faribault
- Daniel Williamson of Spicer

The Minnesota State Fair Scholarship was established in 1994 and awards 20 scholarships of \$1,000 each. Since its inception, nearly \$500,000 has been awarded. This year the Minnesota State Fair Scholarships are being funded by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. These scholarships were made available to rural youth or those enrolled in an agriculture program in 2019-20. Information about these scholarships can be found at [mnstatefair.org/about-the-fair/awards-and-recognition/](http://mnstatefair.org/about-the-fair/awards-and-recognition/)

Additionally, the Christensen Family Scholarship was awarded to Nicole Koziolk of Northfield. This \$1,000 scholarship was made available by Christensen Farms, one of the largest family-owned pork producers in the nation, through an endowment with the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world, attracting more than 2 million visitors annually. Showcasing Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. Visit [mnstatefair.org](http://mnstatefair.org) for more information. State Fair enthusiasts are encouraged to follow the fair on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for year-round updates. The 2021 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 26 through Labor Day, Sept. 6.