

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. The fair is committed to offer 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 24 recipients of the Minnesota State Fair Scholarship are:

- Gracie Ash of Milaca
- Natalie Beckendorf of Renville
- Catie Erickson of Fertile (Christensen Family Scholar)
- Miles Flack of Lake Crystal
- Tayler Franz of Bingham Lake
- Hailey Frericks of Albany
- Garrett Johnson of Byron
- Amelia Lawver of Garden City
- Brynn Lozinski of Clara City
- Grace Moeller of Lake Crystal
- Olivia Nienaber of Scandia
- Torii Nienow of Motley
- Isabella O'Brien of West Concord
- Elle Penzenstadler of Chisago
- Baleigh Peterson of Gibbon
- Allison Riens of Waterville
- Carson Ruen of Lanesboro
- Cody Sievert of Gibbon
- Kylie Stafford of Rose Creek
- Magen Tol of Canby
- Morgan Townshend of Plymouth
- Ryan VanPelt of Austin
- Jessica Willegal of Gibbon
- Allison Wright of Hutchinson (Christensen Family Scholar)

The Minnesota State Fair Scholarship was established in 1994 and annually awards up to 24 scholarships of approximately \$1,000 each. Since its inception, nearly \$584,000 has been awarded. The Minnesota State Fair Scholarships are funded by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. These scholarships were available to rural youth or those enrolled in an agriculture program in 2021-22. Information about these scholarships can be found at mnstatefair.org/about-the-fair/awards-and-recognition/.

The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world. Showcasing Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. The 2022 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 25 - Labor Day, Sept. 5. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information.

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