

*Head:* **Michigan's Livestock Industry Supports Future Leaders**  
*Subhead:* \$350,000 awarded in honorary scholarships in last 10 years  
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Eleven outstanding Michigan State University (MSU) students pursuing livestock industry-related programs of study for the 2021-22 academic year were recently awarded \$30,000 in scholarships by the Michigan Livestock Industry Scholarship Foundation (MLISF). Foundation President, Pete Blauwiekel said, "simply getting good grades is not enough to be recognized with one of these scholarships". In addition to academic achievement, the scholarship's criteria include extracurricular leadership and involvement, written and oral communication skills, and enthusiasm in pursuing a livestock (beef cattle, sheep, swine, equine or meat products) industry career. "Those individuals selected for this honor have a clear passion and demonstrated involvement in the Michigan animal industry and a commitment to its future improvement", said Blauwiekel. This year's recipients are:

<b>Student Scholar</b>	<b>Home Town</b>	<b>Recognition Awarded</b>
Cora Schau	Buchanan, MI	David Morris
Grace Schmidt	South Lyon, MI	Harold Lein
Brooke Voelker	Paris, MI	Gerald Haarer
Micayla Phillips	Clinton Twp., MI	Michigan Horse Council
Sadie Finegan	Jonesville, MI	Michigan Cattlemen's Assoc.
Megan LoPresto	Litchfield, MI	Bim Franklin
Katie Butler	Gaylord, MI	Michigan Horse Council
Alexis Satterfield	Van Buren Twp., MI	Arabian Horse Association
Gina O'Brien	Durand, MI	Michigan Polled Hereford Assoc.
Jake Rasmussen	Sheridan, MI	David Arnold
Ashley DeCock	Marine City, MI	William McCalla

### **About the Michigan Livestock Industry Scholarship Foundation**

Since awarding its first scholarships more than 50 years ago, the MLISF has played an influential role in advancing the education of talented and dedicated students. The MLISF was organized for the purpose of collecting and administering funds contributed by any person, business, or organization wishing to honor persons in the livestock and allied industries, living or deceased, who have performed distinguished services for the livestock industry of Michigan; and to provide scholarships for worthy young people pursuing training in the field of animal science.

For information on contributions to support student scholarships, please contact the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources External Relations at 517-355-0284. To learn more about the MLISF, contact the Foundation's Sec./Treas., Dr. Dan Buskirk in the MSU Department of Animal Science at 517-432-0400.

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