SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CANR STUDENTS
Interest in Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Meat Products, Food Animal Pre-Vet, or Horses

History

The MLISF promotes and rewards excellence in the livestock (beef cattle, sheep, swine, meat products and horse) industry. The foundation provides scholarships for students pursuing careers in the livestock industry. The scholarship ensures that gifted and motivated young leaders enter careers in livestock and allied industries.

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

The foundation’s board members meet annually to review students’ applications and award between 10 and 20 scholarships. The board represents the beef cattle, sheep, swine and horse industries in Michigan.

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

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

“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 meeting industry leaders who have since become business associates, as well as good friends.”

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

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Frequently Asked Questions

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 an application to both.

Where can I pick up application?
The Department of Animal Science sends application 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 January 31.

What is the timeline?
Applications are due approximately March 1. The board will review applications and invite a selected pool of students for interviews during the annual meeting that is held around April 15. 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, it would highly encouraged. While the MLISF cannot grant awards to you while in Vet 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 scholarship renewable?
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.

MLISF Selection Process and Guidelines

- Students must be an undergraduate and have completed 12 college credits and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5
- Applications are made available in during early Spring term.
- The Board will select between 20 to 25 students based on written application for interviews that occur in mid April. The interview is critical for selection and award of a scholarship.
- Students not attending the interview may prepare media at their expense. Conference calls are not allowed.

- Awards are for the following fall and/or spring.

ADDITION INFORMATION
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“...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.”

Bridgett Voisinet Past Recipient Commercial Testing Manager, AntelBio