



# Wyoming FFA Foundation

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***Editor's Note: Students from Casper, Ten Sleep, Burns, Powell, Yoder, Basin, Gillette, Worland, Riverton, Shoshoni, Saratoga, Pinedale and Rock River.***

Photos available upon request

## ***Wyoming FFA Foundation Awards a Record Number of Scholarships***

***Cheyenne*** — During the recent Wyoming FFA Convention in Cheyenne, Wyo., 15 outstanding Wyoming FFA members were presented with college scholarships. The Wyoming FFA Foundation partnered with several non-profit entities and businesses to enhance the year's offering.

“We received a good number of quality applicants with some great essays showcasing what FFA members have gained through the FFA program and their diverse involvement in community and school activities across the state,” says Stacy Broda, the Wyoming FFA Foundation's Scholarship Committee Chair. “Our committee is always impressed with what our young people are participating in and accomplishing. With the top notch students we see apply for scholarships, it makes it easy to reinvest in our youth's future education.”

The Foundation's newest scholarship — the Andrea Lohr Live by Faith Scholarship — was launched by the Foundation in partnership with Ron and Julie Rabou of Cheyenne. It's given in recognition of Andrea Lohr and her ability to maintain a positive attitude and inspire others while battling cancer. Hug your family everyday and make the most of any situation, are just two of the messages Andrea lives by. Applicants for the Live by Faith scholarship were asked to share a time when they showed dedication, perseverance and changed others' lives for the positive. Ben Anson, captain of his school's wrestling team and a member of the Paintrock FFA Chapter, received this year's award.

The F.A.I.R. Posse, an organization that supports the Wyoming State Fair & Rodeo, awarded \$500 to Ashley Spatz from the Burns FFA. A 13-year participant at State Fair, Ashley shows market lambs and swine. Her favorite part of the Wyoming State Fair is the friendships formed and helping younger members.

Clark's Mule Days Charity Pool provides the Nickie Linnabur Memorial Scholarship. Nickie was a 16-year-old girl who worked for Mule Days and died in an automobile accident. In her memory Molly McCray from the Powell FFA was awarded \$1,400. Molly, president of the Powell FFA,

plans to attend the University of Wyoming and receive a degree in Ag Education. The Wyoming Agriculture Business Association (WABA) also awarded Molly a \$500 scholarship.

“A special thanks goes out to Jake and Kay Clark for their partnership with Wyoming FFA,” says Broda. “Attendees at Jake Clark’s Mule Days, held each year on father’s day weekend, should know they’re not only attending a fun-filled event, but supporting a family that truly gives back to Wyoming and its youth, including the Wyoming FFA.”

WABA awarded a \$500 scholarship to Andrew Carpenter. Andrew is attending the University of Wyoming and majoring in International AgriBusiness. He grew up on a small ranch and was heavily involved in the Southeast FFA. He says FFA has helped him be successful, meet deadlines, recognize opportunities and develop skills a small businessperson needs in order to succeed.

This year Encana Oil and Gas donated \$5,000 to the scholarship program for students enrolling in the UW Reclamation and Restoration center or majoring in a natural resource field. Among the recipients are Ben Anson, Kate Richardson, Trey Gladson, Justin Linn and Rebecca Burton. Ben, who will attend the University of Wyoming and is from Basin, plans to be a game warden. He was a Star Greenhand, a top honor for beginning FFA members, and says whatever he does in life the traditions and values of FFA will always be with him. Kate attends Northwest Community College where she studies Range Management. Kate says through FFA range contests and conferences she found her career interest and is learning a lot about ecosystems and balance from her current classes. Trey, a member of Gillette FFA, will major in Natural Resource Management or Farm and Ranch Management at a Wyoming community college this fall. He has held offices within the chapter and was a Regional Star Farmer. Justin plans to attend the University of Wyoming to become a petroleum engineer. He became interested in oil and gas when their agriculture issues team studied alternative energies. He says agriculture has been a part of his life since birth, and FFA helped him prepare for life and develop as an individual. Justin is from the Shoshoni FFA. Rebecca, from Saratoga, plans to major in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and Management at the University of Wyoming. She says FFA helped her become goal oriented, hardworking and to reach out to others who don’t have the courage to be involved or make their voices heard.

The Wyoming FFA Foundation received \$2,500 in donations for the general scholarship fund. Utilizing these funds, scholarships were awarded to Bradon Marshall of Riverton, Laney Johnston of Pinedale, Kristen Daniels from Thermopolis, Seth Coursen from Casper and Ashley Kalco of Rock River. Bradon will attend Casper College this fall where he’ll study ag business. Laney will also attend Casper College majoring in education. Kristen Daniels plans to study veterinary science at Casper College. Seth plans to study engineering at Casper College. Ashley will be majoring in Farm and Ranch Management at Eastern Wyoming College in the fall. She serves as her chapter president and as the Wyoming Beef Ambassador.

If you’d like to join the effort to invest in educational opportunities for Wyoming’s outstanding young people, please contact Jennifer Womack at 307-351-0730 or [jen@wyoffafoundation.com](mailto:jen@wyoffafoundation.com).

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