

# Sale Of Champions Supports Youth; Farm Show Scholarships Awarded



Becky Cowell sold her reserve champion lamb for \$1,500 to Old Guard Insurance, Lltitz.

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Champions supplied the initial scholarship money. A portion of the proceeds from each year's sale is donated to the fund. The non-profit Farm Show Scholarship Foundation oversees the fund, administering contributions and distributing scholarships.

Including this year, \$235,500 have been awarded to 154 individuals. In addition to handling the scholarship program, the scholarship foundation has created an Ambassadors Club, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization designed to increase scholarship funds for rural youth.

This year's Farm Show schol-

arship recipients are the following:

- Beth Baer, the daughter of Brian and Ruth Baer, hails from Glenville in York County. She is currently a freshman at York College, majoring in Business Marketing. Beth was a member of the York County Beef Club, where she served as president, vice president, and treasurer. Beth has been selected as both the Outstanding Senior 4-H Member and the 2002 York Fair Outstanding 4-H Member. She has shown heifers and steers at the Farm Show in the past.
- She is especially interested in promoting agriculture, saying, "I've always enjoyed sharing my

knowledge about the farm with others, whether in the classroom, exhibiting at our local York County Fair, or the Pennsylvania Farm Show."

- Ellen Brammer, the daughter of Michael and Penny Brammer, was the 2001-2002 Pennsylvania FFA South-Central Regional Vice President. She is a 2001 graduate of Cumberland Valley High School, Cumberland County. She has exhibited market lambs and swine at the Farm Show for the past four years.
- Ashley Brothers is a 2001 graduate of Connellsville Area Senior High School, Fayette County. The daughter of Wayne and Louise Brothers, she was active in 4-H and serves as the president of both the swine and garden clubs and as a member of the livestock judging team.
- She attends the California University of Pennsylvania, where she is in the honors program majoring in Secondary Education with a specialty in Math. Ashley has shown market swine at the Farm Show since 1996.
- According to Ashley, in the future she plans to use her teaching position to increase student awareness of agriculture. She says, "I plan on using my public speaking ability to inform parents and children by giving demonstrations about the possibilities of 4-H."
- Keri Connelly, Pennsylvania Furnace, is the daughter of Ronald and Denise Connelly. Keri attends Penn State, where she majors in Animal Science.
- While in 4-H she held many offices in both the Centre Hall Ag Club and the Mount Nittany Dairy Club. Keri has exhibited swine projects at the Farm Show since 1995 and captured grand champion market hog honors in 1998.
- Keri says, "I would not be where I am today had it not been for what I learned during my days of raising and exhibiting animals through 4-H. As I plan the future that is ahead of me, I look to the lessons that I have learned in the past and use them to direct my future."
- Timothy Crouse, son of Brenda and the late Bryan Crouse, is a 2002 graduate of Lltitz Christian School. He is a freshman at Penn State University, majoring in Animal Sciences. At Penn State, Tim is involved in the Dairy Science Club and Penn State Navigators. Upon graduation, he hopes to become a dairy herd manager.
- Tim was a member of the Lebanon County Swine and Beef clubs and the recipient of the 2002 Lebanon County 4-H Foun-

ation Scholarship. He is an 8-year exhibitor market swine at the Farm Show.

"My involvement in 4-H has played a very vital role in my personal development and has also played a significant role in helping me decide my career direction after high school," he said.

- Justin Cunfer, son of Dennis and Deanna Cunfer, has shown market swine at the Farm Show for the past five years, capturing champion honors in the Landrace breed for the past two years.
- He graduated from Lehighton Area High School in 2002. Justin was a member of the Carbon County 4-H Livestock Club, serving as president and vice president for a total of seven years. He is a freshman at Penn State, where he majors in Animal Science with a future goal of becoming a large animal veterinarian. Justin also attended the 2001 Governor's School for Agriculture Sciences.
- Justin says, "through my involvement in 4-H, I have gained the ability and responsibility to feel confident in the show ring, preside at meetings, and talk in front of crowds."
- Clinton Ferringer, from Home, Indiana County, is the son of Robert and Sandra Ferringer. He is a 2002 graduate of Marion Center High School. He attends the Punxsutawney campus of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, majoring in Health and Physical Education, with the goal of someday becoming a teacher and FFA advisor.
- Clint has been active in both 4-H and FFA in leadership and with several projects. He has shown market swine at the Farm Show for three years. Clint will receive his Keystone Farmer degree at the 2003 Farm Show. "I believe I am a more mature, sensible, responsible, and well-rounded person because of my involvement with 4-H and FFA."
- "Undoubtedly, livestock exhibition is the best experience I

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