

MICHIGAN LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Scholarships for CANR students with an interest in
beef cattle, sheep, swine, equine, meats, or food animal pre-vet

Deadline: March 23, 2026

Student qualifications:

- Must be a current MSU CANR undergraduate
- Must have completed 12 college credits
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5

Applications/Selection:

- Applications are made available in early spring to undergraduates.
- Based on the written application, the Board selects a percentage of students for interviews.
- Scholarship awards are for the following fall and/or spring semester.

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Background

The MLISF provides scholarships for students exhibiting academic excellence, leadership potential, and those pursuing careers in the livestock industry (beef cattle, sheep, swine, meat products and equine). The scholarship ensures that gifted and motivated young leaders enter careers in the livestock and allied industries.

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

The foundation's board members meet annually to review student applications and typically award 8 to 10 scholarships. The foundation board represents the various segments of the Michigan livestock industry.

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions

“With the continued rise in higher education costs, the financial support provided by this scholarship helps young people like myself reach their academic and career goals. With this support, additional time can be devoted to extracurricular activities such as clubs and judging teams which provide beneficial communication, networking and job-related skills.”

*Dr. Andrew Weaver,
Past Recipient,
Extension Small Ruminant
Specialist, North Carolina
State University*

“This scholarship allowed me to pursue avenues of learning that required a larger time commitment, like the meat judging team and undergraduate research. In turn, those opportunities connected me with industry professionals, developed my skills beyond traditional learning, and created bonds with peers and mentors that have proved invaluable. The support that I received from the scholarship had a ripple effect that I still see evidence of today.”

*Sara Bronkema,
Past Recipient,
MAEAP Technician, Ottawa
Conservation District*

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 both applications.

What is the timeline?

Applications are typically due in early March each year. The board reviews applications and invites a selected pool of students for interviews during the annual meeting that is held in April. 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, application is highly encouraged. While the MLISF cannot grant awards to you while in Veterinary 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 scholarships renewable?

Yes, 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.



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