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Scholarships

The Department of Agricultural Economics has been blessed by many generous and thoughtful donors who want to ensure its continued success in undergraduate and graduate education. We are truly thankful for their contributions. To capture some of the history and motivation for their giving to endowments and annual scholarships, we invited donors to contribute a brief write-up about their scholarship. This booklet summarizes the responses received to date. We hope that you enjoy and are inspired by the stories.

Endowed Scholarships

Undergraduate

Agricultural Economics Faculty Undergraduate Endowed Scholarship

Faculty and friends of the OSU Agricultural Economics Department endowed this scholarship in 1977 to provide a permanent source of scholarship funding for students in the field of agricultural economics at the sophomore, junior, or senior level. Scholarship recipients are selected by the departmental scholarship committee. The scholarship may be given as a stand-alone scholarship or used to supplement other scholarships. Selection criteria include scholarship, leadership, character qualifications, and potential need.

Jay and Cathy Albright Endowed Scholarship

The Jay and Cathy Albright Endowed Scholarship was established to assist students majoring in Agricultural Economics who are interested in a career in agribusiness. Jay says, "As a student in the Agricultural Economics Department, the interaction with OSU faculty and students taught me how to develop my leadership skills and effectively communicate with people in addition to learning about agri-business." This scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to a student with desire, leadership ability and financial need, regardless of GPA.

Kim and Kathryn Anderson Agricultural Economics Endowed Scholarship

This purpose of this scholarship is to help recruit and/or maintain quality students in agricultural economics by reducing some of the financial stress associated with earning an undergraduate degree. Both as students at OSU and parents of OSU graduates, Kim and Kathryn have observed that students participating in leadership activities while pursuing academic excellence enhance their chances of achieving success upon graduation. The Andersons also admire those students who work part time to contribute to the cost of their education. Their preference is that this scholarship should be given to an agricultural economics major who shares and practices this philosophy.

James C. Atherton Memorial Scholarship (Endowed)

James Atherton graduated from Red Rock High School in 1934. He earned a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma A&M in 1938 and an M.S. in Statistical Economics from the University of Illinois. During World War II, Mr. Atherton enlisted in the Navy and served in the Panama Canal. He was sent to officers training at Harvard and then to the South Pacific Theater. He worked as an agricultural economist for the Soil Conservation Service, USDA for several years. In 1955, he joined the Agricultural Economics Department as a land economist and retired in 1974. During this period, he spent two years on assignment in Ethiopia. The initial funding for this scholarship was contributed by Mr. Atherton's sister in his memory. Additional funding came from family members and friends. The scholarship recipient must have earned a 3.0 grade point average, completed the freshman year of study and demonstrated excellence in academics and leadership.

Betty Jo and Daniel D. Badger Scholarship (Endowed)

The Betty Jo and Daniel D. Badger scholarship honors Daniel D. Badger Sr. for his outstanding service to the OSU Agricultural Economics Department from 1964 to 1990. During that time, he advised more than 100 graduate and undergraduate students each year. He received many awards for his outstanding advising and teaching. He began an Oklahoma Agricultural Economics Association in the 1980s which brought together alumni from Oklahoma and beyond annually to keep them abreast of what was happening in agriculture and to keep them connected. He was appointed to the Scenic Rivers Commission by Governor Nigh of Oklahoma in 1984. Dan Badger was loved by his students and advisees, and he continued to correspond with many of them until his death in 2008. The scholarship is funded by his family and friends and is awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership ability.

M.J. (Guy) and Martha S. Biard Endowed Scholarship

The M.J. (Guy) and Martha S. Biard Scholarship was established in honor of Guy Biard for his outstanding service to the Oklahoma A&M and OSU Agricultural Programs. After graduating from OSU in 1949, he began working for the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. His greatest endeavors focused on community and rural development, which included many local, regional, and state programs that enhanced southeastern Oklahoma counties where he spent the majority of his 30 years as a county agent. Both Guy and Martha (1944 graduate) loved OSU and especially the development of young people in southeastern Oklahoma. The scholarship is for an outstanding student from southeastern Oklahoma interested in a degree in agricultural economics.

Dr. Leo Blakley Scholarship (Endowed)

Dr. Blakley was known as a scholar and a rigorous thinker, who was intensely loyal and dedicated to the Department of Agricultural Economics. More importantly, he was a great mentor to numerous students. His door was always open, and many of his students consider his mentoring to be the basis of very successful careers after graduating from OSU. Wanting to acknowledge and recognize his contributions to their professional and personal growth, and to encourage future students and faculty members to emulate his scholarship and mentorship, former students of Dr. Blakley established this scholarship in his honor and memory. It is awarded to an agricultural economics student who excels in leadership and academics.

Briscoe Memorial Scholarship (Endowed)

Dr. Nellis A. Briscoe taught marketing and cooperative classes in the Agricultural Economics Department. In 1967, on their way to participate in the annual conference of the American Institute of Cooperation at Purdue University, Dr. Briscoe, his wife Margaret, and their six children were involved in a head-on automobile/truck accident that claimed the entire Briscoe family. This scholarship was established to honor Dr. Briscoe's long-time hope that Oklahoma cooperatives would encourage further education and understanding by providing scholarships at OSU. Major donors include the Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative Council, other cooperative business firms, family members and friends of the Briscoe family, the estate of the Nellis Briscoe family, agricultural economics faculty and alumni and the Aggie-X Club. Dr. Briscoe was recognized nationally for the depth of his understanding of cooperative business organization and management, and for the objective leadership which he gave to his work. The enrollment in his cooperative class was one of the largest in the nation. This scholarship is awarded to outstanding students for academic performance.

Burruss Family Endowed Scholarship

Motivated by the example set forth by his parents, and their role as supporters and motivators of young people of integrity, this scholarship was established in the 1990's by Merrill Burruss, Jr. The Burruss Family believes young people who demonstrate leadership within their communities, academics, or religious affiliations during high school and/or college have the potential to make a difference in our country. According to Burruss family members, "If our scholarship can help ease some of the financial stress while the student works to achieve their academic goals, then we have been successful."

Davis Farms Scholarship (Endowed)

The Davis Farms Endowed Scholarship was established as a means of recognizing the significant impact the OSU Department of Agricultural Economics has had on the members of the Davis family. The Agricultural Economics Department served as a foundational influence for numerous members of the family and for their academic pursuits. The scholarship is intended to financially assist current OSU students pursue their dreams of a college education by taking advantage of the Agricultural Economics faculty and curriculum that the Davis family found to be so beneficial in their lives.

K.C. Davis Memorial Scholarship (Endowed)

K.C. Davis's daughter Ginger Harris says, "I consider it a privilege to talk about my dad, Dr. K. C. Davis. No man had a greater love and dedication to OSU than this man. He had such an influence on my life as well as that of many foreign students, that he spent two years in Ethiopia, on loan to the Point 4 Program, working countless hours advising foreign students in Ethiopia as well as OSU. Because of his influence, I chose education as my profession and spent 35 years teaching at the elementary and junior high levels, and as a part time adjunct at OSU-OKC in Oklahoma City. I began this scholarship in his honor, to a deserving economics student in the field of agriculture - an outstanding student with an interest in farm management, agricultural finance, or commercial agriculture."

Diane and Gerald Doeksen Rural Development Endowed Scholarship

The Diane and Gerald Doeksen scholarship was endowed by them to assist a student interested in rural and community development and to show the Doeksen's appreciation to the Department of Agricultural Economics and OSU. Diane earned a B.S. degree from OSU in 1974 and had a distinguished career with the Oklahoma State Health Department. Gerald earned a M.S. degree (1968) and a Ph.D (1971) from OSU and has worked with OSU Extension and Research for over 35 years. His passion is to help rural community leaders as they struggle to provide quality community services with limited resources. His emphasis in recent years has been to ensure access to health care for rural Oklahoma. During his career, he has worked with leaders in every county and almost every community in Oklahoma. The Doeksens bleed orange as their four children are all graduates of OSU, and they have set up college funds for each of their 10 grandchildren to attend OSU. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student in Agricultural Economics who is from rural Oklahoma.

Dr. John W. Goodwin Endowed Agricultural Economics Scholarship

Awarded to a full time student who has completed his or her Freshman, Sophomore or Junior years at OSU while majoring in Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness with a GPA of 3.25 or higher. The recipient must have also demonstrated student leadership in campus activities or through his or her fraternity or sorority. It is also preferred that the recipient has demonstrated good ethical standards and possesses a strong work ethic.

P.E. Harrill Scholarship (Endowed)

Paul E. Harrill, Sr. was a member of the Oklahoma A&M College Board of Regents for 16 years. During his tenure, a campus master plan and construction of major buildings were completed, including the Student Union and the Edmon Low Library. The Paul Eugene and Bonnie May Pruitt Harrill Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to qualified CASNR students.

D.B. and Lota Jeffrey Memorial Scholarship (Endowed)

D.B. and Lota Jeffrey were both educators at the university level. Prior to joining the faculty at OSU, D.B. taught school and served as a school superintendent. He also served as a County Extension Agent. While on the OSU faculty as an Extension Economist, D.B. authored many publications in tax management, insurance, estate planning, and partnerships. He was widely known throughout Oklahoma and the region for his participation in farm management short courses. Lota taught home economics classes at Oklahoma A&M until her retirement in 1957. D.B. spent his early childhood in south central Oklahoma experiencing tough and difficult economic times. From this experience came the Jeffrey's intentions to ease the financial burden of a college education for students who graduated from an Oklahoma high school. They requested that preference should be given to students from Murray, Carter, Love, Marshall, or Johnston counties. Recipients must be entering their junior year of study with a major in agricultural economics or home economics. Character and leadership are also considered to be prime considerations.

Willis B. Johnston Memorial Scholarship (Endowed)

The Willis B. Johnston Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a full-time student at OSU, classified as a junior or senior agricultural economics/agribusiness major. Preference is given to students majoring in agribusiness, agricultural economics, marketing, or accounting.

Elizabeth Meibergen Scholarship (Endowed)

In 1893, W. B. Johnston began supplying feed, seed, flour, coal, hay, livestock, and grain to the early Cherokee Strip settlers. Service was the foundation upon which he established the company. And through five generations of the Johnston/Meibergen family, that enduring service has maintained the growth and stability of Oklahoma's largest and oldest independent grain and seed dealer. Johnston Enterprises has diversified its operations to include W.B. Johnston Grain Company, Johnston Seed Company (a major seed company), water ports in two states, and an experimental research farm. Johnston Enterprises wanted to recognize W.B. Johnston (Willis B.) and Elizabeth Ann Meibergen and felt they would have appreciated a gift to OSU and the Agricultural Economics Department as scholarships. Approximately twenty OSU grads work with Johnston Enterprises today. The Elizabeth Meibergen Scholarship is awarded to a full-time student at OSU majoring in agricultural economics.

Don and Linda Kloth Endowed Scholarship

Donald W. Kloth attended Southern Illinois University, receiving a M.S. degree in Agricultural Industries before earning a Ph.D. at OSU in Agricultural Economics in 1970. Don spent 34 years with Anheuser-Busch and was responsible for its procurement, agricultural and transportation operations. He served on the company's strategy committee responsible for setting the company's direction and objectives. He was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.'s subsidiary, Busch Agricultural Resources, Inc. Mr. Kloth served as Vice President and Group Executive of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., from 1994 to June 11, 2004. Mr. Kloth served as Chairman of the Board at Pacific International Rice Mills, Inc. and served on the board of directors of numerous Anheuser-Bush subsidiary and joint venture companies. Don and his wife Linda are generous donors to the Department.

William S. May Scholarship for Agricultural Finance (Endowed)

Bill May graduated from Oklahoma A&M in 1940 with a B.S. Degree, summa cum laude, in agricultural economics. He worked as a part-time secretary for three college deans while earning his degree. Mr. May was hired in the dean's office because he could take notes using shorthand. He distinguished himself as a dedicated and hard working student with very high personal and professional principles and expectations. One of Mr. May's many undergraduate recognitions and awards was being recognized as the "Outstanding Alpha Zeta Freshman" in 1936-37. Following graduation, he served in the Oklahoma National Guard and the U.S. Naval Reserves during WWII. Mr. May retired as President of the Federal Land Bank of Wichita (1981). He and his wife, Catherine, initially endowed scholarships to encourage careers in agricultural finance at OSU, Kansas State University, Colorado State University, and New Mexico State University, land grant universities located in states served by the Federal Land Bank of Wichita. Mr. May was very adamant that his scholarships are used to recognize, reward, and encourage the very top achievers - - the cream of the crop. Mr. May intended his scholarships to "reward" recipients for performance, integrity, and ethics, and to serve as "encouragement" for conduct and leadership toward career enhancement and service to mankind. Requirements are: outstanding academic achievement, exemplary moral character, involvement in campus leadership, and service to others.

Dale Minnick Agricultural Economics Memorial Scholarship (Endowed)

The Dale Minnick Agricultural Economics Memorial Scholarship was endowed by the family and friends of Dale Minnick in late 1998, following his sudden death from a heart attack at the age of 47. Dale graduated from the Agricultural Economics Department with an BS degree in 1973, then went on to the Master's program in Agricultural Economics, even teaching several semesters of AGECE 1114 as a graduate assistant. Dale joined the Farm Credit district bank in Wichita as staff economist after receiving his MS degree, then progressed to a varied career including stints in banking, a position as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Wheat commission, owner of a pure-bred Angus cattle operation, and a nationally acclaimed motivational speaker. The scholarship's purpose is to give back to rural students in Dale's memory and is awarded to a western Oklahoma student who demonstrates academic potential.

Jamie "Jack" and Patricia Mount Endowed Scholarship in Agricultural Economics

Awarded to a student enrolled full-time in CASNR, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics, participating in campus leadership activities, demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence, and a strong desire to pursue a career in the ag econ field.

Jean Neustadt Scholarship for Agricultural Business (Endowed)

Jean Neustadt earned B.S. and M.S. degrees at OSU in Agricultural Economics in 1948. He was a well-known Ardmore businessman and philanthropist. He was senior partner of Neustadt Land and Development Company and also served as vice president/secretary of Pilgrim Drilling and as president of Evergreen Mills Inc. and Weiser Feed Mills. A noted conservationist, he served as director of the Arbuckle Conservation District and the Southern Oklahoma Development Association. Mr. Neustadt earned the President's Award from the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts. He served as president of the OSU Alumni Association, OSU Board of Governors. He also served as president of the Oklahoma Angus Association. He was inducted into the OSU Hall of Fame and recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus award from the Department, Division of Agriculture and OSU. Jean and his wife Patsy endowed both a Chair and a scholarship in the Department.

Robert L. Oehrtman Endowed Scholarship

The Robert L Oehrtman Endowed Scholarship, funded by friends and family, is in memory of Dr. Oehrtman, professor emeritus in Agricultural Economics. Teaching for 33 years at OSU, Dr. O was well known in the department for his challenging and effective instruction, having taught AGEC 1114, Introduction to Agricultural Economics, for more than 20 years. Mentoring students was important to Dr. O as shown by his supporting Aggie-X activities, advising students for marketing competitions, and advocating students' education. This scholarship is to recognize the recipient's leadership activities within their community, academics, or religious affiliations during high school and/or college with emphasis on their commitment to Agricultural Economics by participation in agricultural economics student activities such as academic bowl, marketing competitions, or the Aggie-X Club.

Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers Scholarship (Endowed)

The American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA), founded in 1929, provides its members with the resources, information, and leadership that enable them to provide education and networking opportunities for professionals who provide farm and ranch management, rural and real property appraising, review appraisal, and agricultural consulting services to the private and public sectors and to the governmental and lending communities. The OK chapter of ASFMRA, comprised of about 30 rural farm appraisers and farm managers, felt the need to establish, with the assistance of the Boone Pickens Scholarship 'push', an avenue where some deserving individual in the agriculture college at OSU could get assistance for their educational needs. A committee was established, solicitations for funding the scholarship were made, and OK ASFMRA was able to secure some \$ 50,000 from our chapter membership and agricultural associates for this scholarship foundation program. The OK chapter believes in the worth of having youth carry on the value concepts that are expressed by the agriculture community of the USA. An integral part of that process is continued education for youth. Hopefully, this scholarship will be of assistance in continuing those values.

Gus Page Endowed Scholarship

R. E. "Gus" Page spent most of his professional career serving Oklahoma agriculture and agribusiness. He graduated with a B. S. degree in agricultural economics from Oklahoma A&M in 1942. In 1943, he entered the military, serving with the 86th Infantry Division in the U. S. and then as an original member of General Patton's 7th Army Headquarters in Sicily. Mr. Page taught vocational agriculture for ten years before being hired as an Extension economist in grain marketing at OSU. He developed educational programs and worked closely with graduate students in their research for agribusiness firms which included grain handlers, feed and fertilizer firms, cotton gins, cotton compresses, and wheat producers. He taught the senior level course in Cooperative Organizations and Management at OSU. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative Council and was chairman of the Foreign Market Development Committee of the National Wheat Industry Resource Group. Faculty, colleagues, students, and agribusiness firms endowed this scholarship to recognize Gus Page's dedication to Oklahoma agriculture and agribusiness firms and to encourage students with an interest in grain marketing.

Frank Robson Scholarship in Agribusiness (Endowed)

Awarded to a full-time agricultural economics student at OSU in CASNR with an emphasis on Farm and Ranch Management.

Dr. Willard R. Sparks Agricultural Economics Scholarship (Endowed)

Dr. Willard Sparks was described as a visionary, entrepreneur, humanitarian and philanthropist. The first in his family to graduate from college, he earned a B.S. and M.S. in agricultural economics from OSU, followed by a Ph.D. in statistical science from Michigan State University. Sparks joined Cook Industries as director of economic research in 1963. He later became senior executive vice president and director of Cook's Worldwide Agriproducts Group and helped orchestrate the first large sale of U.S. grain to Russia. In 1977, he launched Sparks Commodities, later named Sparks Companies, Inc. to provide research, analysis and consulting to leading agribusinesses. He also became involved with Vining-Sparks, a NASD-registered general securities firm headquartered in Memphis, purchased a minority interest in Refco, LLC and held membership in major U.S. commodity exchanges. By the time of his death in 2005, Sparks was internationally recognized as an authority on agricultural commodity research and analysis. Sparks also maintained his passion for production agriculture, purchasing feedyards which also included backgrounding operations.

Dr. Spark's passion for agricultural industries and his dedication to education and other community organizations were phenomenal. He was a loyal supporter of the University of Memphis and Oklahoma State University. Dr. Sparks received the 1987 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the OSU Alumni Association, the 1996 Distinguished Agriculture Alumnus Award, and was named to the OSU Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2005. In 1998, he received an honorary doctorate in social science at OSU, the ninth person since 1927 to receive such an honorary degree. In 2012, he was posthumously named to the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame.

At OSU, he was a founder of the Oklahoma State 21st Century Center for Agriculture and Renewable Natural Resources, a member of the OSU Foundation Board of Governors, a member of the DASNR Dean's Advisory Committee, and co-chaired the Bringing Dreams to Life campaign for the agricultural division. Through his generosity, OSU was able to open the Willard Sparks Beef Research Center in 1998. Sparks also endowed a chair in agricultural economics. His foundation still provides scholarships to students in agricultural economics.

Ken and Kathy Starks Endowed Scholarship

The Ken and Kathy Starks Endowed Scholarship was established to assist students majoring in Agricultural Economics who are interested in a banking/finance career. Ken Starks says, "We were interested in helping deserving students reach their academic goals while being active participants in campus organizations and activities without the burden of financial stress. As a graduate of the Agricultural Economics Department, many of my former professors played a significant role in my academic and personal development. They were not only respected mentors, but friends for life. In a small way, this was our opportunity to honor them for their care, compassion, and leadership." The scholarship is awarded to an Oklahoma student interested in a banking/finance career.

Maynard-Stroup Scholarship (Endowed)

The Maynard-Stroup Scholarship was endowed by Cecil D. and Martha Maynard in memory of William P. Stroup, Cecil's uncle. The scholarship is given in gratitude for the instrumental role that OSU played in the careers of Cecil and Martha Maynard. Cecil received a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma A&M and served for many years as an Extension Economist in Farm Management at OSU. Cecil retired as a professor in the Department and received the Oklahoma Agricultural Economics Association Distinguished Alumnus Award. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student majoring in agricultural economics/agribusiness who has demonstrated both academic and leadership excellence.

Joseph E. Williams Scholarship (Endowed)

Dr. Williams was a distinguished professor in Agricultural Economics from 1975 to 2010. Without exception, his true love was teaching, advising, and mentoring students. He touched the lives of thousands of students. He received numerous teaching and advising awards at the department, college, and national levels. One of his true passions was raising scholarship dollars for deserving students. Family members initially established this scholarship in 2002 to honor his commitment to students. Since then, more than 200 former students, advisees, and friends have contributed to the endowment. The scholarship is awarded to a student in agricultural economics who is selected on the basis of demonstrated academic achievement, exemplary integrity, ethics, initiative, and leadership conducive to an outstanding personal life and successful career.

Graduate

The Leo and Betty Blakley Graduate Fellowship

Dr. Blakley served on the faculty of Agricultural Economics from 1947 to 1985. He spent much of his career working in the areas of dairy marketing and price analysis. The Agricultural Economics conference room (Ag Hall 410) is named for Dr. Blakley. He established these fellowships for graduate students with a strong interest in dairy marketing or agricultural price analysis.

To be eligible, candidates must be graduate students in the Department of Agricultural Economics with at least one semester of course work completed. Candidates should have experience in, be currently studying, or plan a career in dairy marketing or agricultural price analysis.

Endowed International Agricultural Economics Fellowship Fund

The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student at Oklahoma State University in the Department of Agricultural Economics. The recipient must have demonstrated high academic and leadership abilities and must be fully accepted into the Agricultural Economics graduate program. Election preference shall be given to students who graduated from a high school in a country outside of the United States. This fellowship is to be granted annually; however, the award may be received more than once by the same individual.

Harry P. Mapp Ag Econ Endowment/Graduate Students Fund

Dr. Harry Mapp was a highly respected undergraduate and graduate teacher and researcher during his career at OSU, 1974-2000. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and a Ph.D. at OSU. Dr. Mapp received numerous teaching awards, including Alpha Zeta Outstanding Instructor, Merrick Foundation Teaching Award, OSU Alumni Association Blue Key Outstanding Teacher and Aggie-X Outstanding Teacher multiple times. He was a Regents Professor and the first holder of the Jean and Patsy Neustadt Chair in the Department. He received the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001. Following his death, family, friends and former students established this endowment to provide funding for various graduate program activities, including recruiting, scholarships and awards, and travel to professional meetings.

Harry P. Mapp Graduate Fellowship

In response to the Pickens match opportunity, a second fund honoring Dr. Harry Mapp was established to support departmental efforts in maintaining an excellent graduate educational program. This endowment provides a scholarship for a full-time graduate student with preference given to students with an expressed interest in production economics, natural resource economics or agricultural finance.

The Leonard F. Miller Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in International Rural Dev.

Dr. Miller served as Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics from 1954 to 1961 and established this fellowship for graduate students with a strong interest in rural development. Qualifications for the fellowship include:

1. Candidates must be graduate students in the Department of Agricultural Economics with at least one semester of course work completed.
2. Candidates should have rural experience in a developing country. Preference will be given to students from developing countries who have had practical experience in rural development.

The Spielman Scholarship

Established by Jan and Hank Spielman to award outstanding scholarship by graduate students in Agricultural Economics. A total of four Spielman scholarships are awarded annually to the top two scholars in the M.S. program and the top two scholars in the Ph.D. program. A student may receive an award only once in each program. To be eligible, a M.S. student must have completed at least 9 hours of a plan of study and a Ph.D. student at least 27 hours. Selection of the scholarship recipients is based on reports received from candidates.

Clem Ward Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Clement Ward is an internationally recognized authority on the competitive structure and performance of the North American meat industry. Throughout his OSU career (1978-2009), Clem maintained an active extension and research program with a rich legacy of industry, university, and community service. He published more than 200 journal articles, book chapters, extension bulletins and factsheets, earning him recognition as a Distinguished Scholar by the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) in 2006. Clem was part of teams receiving three extension awards from the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association and three extension awards from WAEA as well as an extension award and a teaching award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association. He advised and mentored numerous graduate students. He was also a Department leader, twice serving as acting or interim Head of the Department. This scholarship is for graduate students who have a well-rounded graduate program in Agricultural Economics and with a preferred interest in livestock economics.

Annual Scholarships

Undergraduate

Aebi-Cox AGR Memorial Scholarship

Kyle Aebi's academic career started at OSU in the fall of 1998 and ended just 9 hours short of graduating on June 9, 2002. Kyle was considered one of the bright stars in the department, the college and the university. The OSU Board of Regents awarded Kyle a post-humous Bachelor of Science degree in the Department of Agricultural Economics in December of 2002.

Tracey Cox was another all-around top student in the department, the college, and the university. He enrolled at OSU in the Fall of 1998 majoring in Agricultural Economics and died on September 16, 2002.

Both of these individuals excelled in academics and demonstrated leadership. They were active in campus activities and received numerous awards. As a tribute to both Kyle's and Tracy's great passion for helping others, their hard work towards academic success, and their involvement in the University community, the Department of Agricultural Economics and Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity have established a scholarship in their names. Both of these students were sincerely appreciative of the scholarship assistance they received and would have wanted to offer financial assistance to other hard working students.

Ag Econ Alumni and Faculty Scholarship

Awarded to a student based on academic and leadership excellence.

Aggie-X Alumni Scholarship

The Aggie-X Alumni Scholarship was established in 2011 by a group of alumni, all graduating from 2003 to 2005, who were active within the Agricultural Economics Department and in the Aggie-X Club. While in school, the group members received scholarships donated by Agricultural Economics alumni to help pursue their educational goals. After being out of school for a few years, the group decided to start their own departmental scholarship to help deserving students continue their education and to give back to the department that had enriched their lives. The scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior with a 3.0 GPA or above who is active in the Aggie-X Club.

BancFirst of Stillwater Scholarship

Awarded to a junior or senior from the bank's trade area interested in agricultural finance.

Steve and Susan Campbell Scholarship

Steve Campbell grew up on a wheat/cattle farm in north central Oklahoma. Knowing his contribution to the family operation would be more on the marketing side of the business, he centered his studies on Agricultural Economics. Steve says, "This scholarship is simply a 'Thank You' to OSU, specifically to the Agricultural Economics Department and to the many professors that challenged me to 'think' and to 'grow'. I particularly want the scholarship to express my gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Daniel S. Tilley, my master's advisor. Dr. Tilley opened my eyes and mind to the world of international trade, with a focus squarely on the agricultural commodities marketplace." Steve and Susan established the scholarship in 2001, and it is awarded to students who have demonstrated academic and leadership excellence.

Centennial Class of 1990 Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by the 1990 class of Agricultural Economics graduates and is awarded for academic performance and development of leadership skills.

Chisholm Trail Farm Credit and Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma Scholarship

The Chisholm Trail Farm Credit and Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma Scholarships were established to help students fulfill their educational goals. As part of the national Farm Credit System, these two Farm Credit associations provide ag financing to farmers and ranchers throughout central and western Oklahoma. These scholarships are just an example of Farm Credit's commitment to lending financial support to Oklahoma's agricultural industry. Chisholm Trail Farm Credit and Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma both believe that today's ag finance students are tomorrow's agricultural leaders. The scholarship is awarded to students with outstanding leadership qualities with an interest in agricultural finance. Scholarship preference is given to students from central and western Oklahoma and whose parents are members of Chisholm Trail Farm Credit or Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma.

Class of 1974 Scholarship

From 1970 through 1974, several agricultural economics undergraduates formed life-long friendships and a grateful appreciation for the education and opportunities received at OSU. This class of 1974 participated in various Aggie-X activities. Several worked part-time in the Agricultural Economics Department as computer programming assistants, survey takers, and class graders for various professors. They were recipients of the first agri-business summer internships arranged through the department. One represented OSU at one of the first national agricultural economics contests.

The founding members of this scholarship were Steven C. Griffin, Stanley C. Rogers, Stephen E. Mathis, John D. Brunk, and Denise McIntosh (Burnett). Their goal was simply to pay a little forward the support they received at a critical time in their lives. In gratitude for the financial assistance and career development support that enabled each of these founding students to use their OSU education in successful careers, they established the Class of 1974 Scholarship as a nameless tribute to the lasting legacy of excellence at OSU Agricultural Economics. The scholarship is used at the discretion of the scholarship committee to stand-alone or supplement other scholarship awards to deserving agricultural economics undergraduates. Other agricultural economics graduates and Aggie-X members, even those before or after this class, are encouraged to also support this scholarship as a vehicle to say an O-State "thank you".

CoBank Scholarship

CoBank, a cooperative bank, provides financing and financial services to agri-businesses and rural power, water, and communications providers in all 50 states. CoBank, a member of the Farm Credit System, is also the funding bank for Farm Credit associations who provide loans to approximately 70,000 farmers, ranchers, and other rural borrowers in 23 states. CoBank provides their scholarships on behalf of Clint Roush, a member of the cooperative bank's Board of Directors, to support students and to promote cooperative education. It is awarded to an agricultural economics or agribusiness major who is interested in a career in a cooperative business and/or in the farm credit system. Preference should be given to students who have completed or are enrolled in AGECE 3463 Agricultural Cooperatives.

Geoffrey P. and Helen Collins Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is offered in loving memory of Geoffrey Philip Collins who served as a professor of agricultural economics at OSU (Oklahoma A & M) for 31 years, and of his supportive wife, Helen Elizabeth Collins. It is given by their children, Susan Collins Stites and her husband, Zane of Corsicana, Texas, and Geoffrey Lee Collins and his wife Carol of Yukon, Oklahoma - all four of whom are OSU graduates.

Geoffrey Collins served many roles in the department and received many awards before his retirement in 1967. He was a born educator who cared deeply for his student's preparation for life along with their academic progress. He had a rich relationship with students, faculty, administration, and with the people in agricultural banking finance throughout the southwest.

John Deere Alumni Scholarship

Awarded to a student based on academic and leadership excellence.

Dow AgroSciences Alumni Scholarship

Dow AgroSciences, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, develops leading-edge crop protection and plant biotechnology solutions to meet the challenges of the growing world. The Dow AgroSciences Alumni Scholarship was started by Jodie Stockett and Susanne Wasson in 1994. As alumni of the OSU Agricultural Economics Department, Stockett and Wasson had a strong desire to give back to the department and the university. Both received scholarships while at OSU, and understand the value they bring to students. Stockett and Wasson state, "Many Dow AgroSciences employees have contributed to the scholarship over the years, and as we add more OSU graduates to our employee base, we hope to increase contributions from Agricultural Economics alumni. Our connection to OSU runs deep, and this is one way for us to give back to the university and students." The scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence and leadership attributes.

Drummond Ranch Scholarship

The Drummond Ranch Scholarship was established in 2008 by Gentner Drummond (the 1985 College of Agriculture and OSU Outstanding Senior Man) in recognition of the Department of Agricultural Economics' six generation contribution to Drummond ranching in the Osage. Following eight years' service as an United States Air Force fighter pilot (Distinguished Flying Cross, Gulf War) and receiving his juris doctor from Georgetown University, Mr. Drummond runs a modest cattle ranch in the Osage when not practicing a little law or banking. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student majoring in agricultural economics who has demonstrated academic excellence and leadership.

Farm Credit Services of East Central Oklahoma Young Beginning Small Farmer Scholarship

Farm Credit of East Central Oklahoma provides financing to farmers, ranchers and rural residents in 51 counties in eastern and central Oklahoma. Farm Credit of East Central Oklahoma's mission is to be a source of dependable, competitively priced credit for rural America. Farm Credit strives to hire employees who are eager to understand its members' needs. Awarded to students demonstrating good academic ability and are planning to return to or enter the agricultural industry.

Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma-Panhandle Scholarship

Awarded to a student from the Oklahoma Panhandle for outstanding academic and leadership potential. Farm Credit Services of East Central Oklahoma Young Beginning Small Farmer Scholarship Farm Credit of East Central Oklahoma provides financing to farmers, ranchers, and rural residents in 51 counties in eastern and central Oklahoma. Farm Credit of East Central Oklahoma's mission is to be a source of dependable, competitively priced credit for rural America. Farm Credit strives to hire employees who are eager to understand its members' needs. This scholarship is awarded to students demonstrating good academic ability and who are planning to return to, or enter, the agricultural industry.

Bunny Franzmann Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in academics and leadership.

Fryer-Long Scholarship for Agricultural Marketing

The Fryer-Long Scholarship for Agricultural Marketing is awarded by Chris and Hannah Fryer and Garret Long, and was established in 2010. The scholarship is designed to assist students in accomplishing their academic goals. As students, Chris, Hannah, and Garret benefited from scholarships, and they recognize the value of financial assistance to students who wish to pursue not only an education, but also develop the leadership skills needed to be successful in a career in agricultural marketing. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student majoring in agricultural economics or agribusiness with an interest in agriculture markets and who has demonstrated leadership activities within the community and/or academic affiliations during college.

Halliburton Alumni Scholarship

Awarded to a student who demonstrates leadership and academic excellence.

Roy and Diane Heitschmidt Scholarship

Awarded for academic excellence and demonstrated leadership.

Hitch Enterprises Feedlot Scholarship

Awarded to an excellent student interested in going into production agriculture.

InterBank Scholarship

Awarded to an Oklahoma resident, junior, Ag Econ/Fin, 3.0 GPA, from Garfield, Kingfisher or Canadian County.

Jerry Johnston Family Scholarship

From J.J. Stevak, daughter of Jerry Johnston: “The history of our scholarship began when I transferred to OSU for the spring semester 1977. Dr. Badger took me under his wing (as he did with all his students. I truly think he was one of the best advisors any university ever had), and we chose an Agricultural Economics/Accounting major. I think my dad was so grateful that Dr. Badger watched over me for the next two-and-one-half years and made sure I graduated that he decided to give a scholarship to the Agricultural Economics Department!

Our scholarship originated in the late 1970’s, and we are proud to still be able to continue to help students get a quality education today. Our family originally owned a grain and feed dealership started by my grandfather Ed Johnston in 1927 in Braman Oklahoma. Ed Johnston Grain Company had seven locations in northern Oklahoma and southern Kansas-hence the sponsorship of agricultural economics students in northern Oklahoma (Kay and Grant counties) and southern Kansas (Sumner County). When we sold the grain company and my parents retired in 1980, we switched the scholarship name to the Jerry Johnston Family Scholarship in honor of my dad who was an agronomy major at OSU (weeds and seeds as he always says) and continued it by donating the money ourselves. Our whole family has gone to OSU, now the grandkids have all graduated from there, and my son will graduate again with his masters in May 2014.

Koch Fertilizer, LLC Discovery Scholarship

Koch Industries, Inc., one of the largest private companies in America, provides more ways to get involved, gain firsthand experience, and make an immediate difference. Koch companies have a presence in nearly 60 countries, delivering innovations for better food, clothing, shelter, transportation, hygiene, and other everyday items. According to a Koch Industries spokesperson, “Our business philosophy encourages you to take initiative and challenge the status quo for improved results and efficiency. The Koch Fertilizer, LLC Discovery Scholarship is awarded to OSU CASNR Department of Agricultural Economics undergraduate students. This scholarship recognizes students who have exhibited outstanding academic achievement and leadership and who demonstrate the ability to successfully contribute to their chosen field.”

Dr. Steve and Melissa Lucas Pre-Vet Scholarship

The Dr. Steve and Melissa Lucas Pre-Vet Scholarship was established in 2007. It was created to help agricultural economics/pre-veterinary students who show a high probability of being accepted to veterinary school. Steve Lucas states: “As a practicing veterinarian in a predominantly agriculture based practice, I believe my time in the Ag Econ department has been the most beneficial to the advancement of my career. I am very appreciative of the care and personal interest my professors showed me, in particular, Dr. Joe Williams, who was the real motivation for us to establish this scholarship. Hopefully this will give future veterinarians the business tools necessary to successfully manage their ag- based veterinary practices.

Paul Mackey Scholarship

From Paul Mackey: “I began contributing to the Agricultural Economics Scholarship Fund as soon after my graduation from OSU as my economic status allowed. During my college career, the Agricultural Economics Scholarship Committee recognized me with some level of scholarship each year. While this annual recognition did not cover a large percentage of my college expenses, it provided a significant morale boost as well as financial support and encouragement for my college work life choices. The OSU Agricultural Economics Department created a positive environment for me to grow as a student leader and young adult. Dr. Badger was my advisor. Instructors were friends as well as mentors, and the department head, Dr. Osborn, set the tone and character for learning.

I have attempted to consistently give each year, for the past 20+ years, to an agricultural economics student since the 1988-89 school year. My hope is that this scholarship will motivate a student to continue their work and complete a degree. I also hope to be an example to encourage graduating students and alumni to give something back because every amount counts.

Also, this scholarship will include two of my favorite books discussing important life management decisions: *The Richest Man in Babylon* by George S. Clason and *Leadership is an Art*, by Max De Pree.” This scholarship includes a \$500 annual gift from Paul Mackey and a \$500 matching gift from Alliance Coal, LLC.

C.E. Mason Memorial-Aggie-X Scholarship

From Terry Wakefield: “C.E. Mason was a life-long farmer from Minco, Oklahoma. Mr. Mason had a limited educational background, but he strongly encouraged his children and grandchildren to attain a higher education. My brother, Jerry Wakefield, is an OSU graduate and a past Aggie-X President. He wanted to leave a legacy to OSU, as well as memorialize his grandfather. He and I agreed that the best way to leave this legacy was to provide assistance to fellow agricultural economics students. We are proud of our time at OSU, and we want future students to also have that.”

Oklahoma Grain & Feed Association Scholarship

The Oklahoma Grain and Feed Association (OGFA) was founded in 1898, one of the oldest trade associations in the state. It is a voluntary organization representing and serving the interests of all facets of the state’s grain and feed industry. The scholarships are funded by our member firms through various events (golf tournaments, sporting clay events, and other events). According to Joe Neal Hampton, “Without their support, we would not be able to offer the scholarships. I became CEO of OGFA in 1975. Since I received my B.S. and M.S. in agricultural economics at OSU, I felt this was a way to ‘give back’ for all the great experiences I had at OSU. My Board of Directors subsequently agreed to establish these scholarships.” They are awarded to outstanding students interested in agribusiness, farm and ranch management, or marketing.

Violette Owens Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship is awarded by Ross and Kathy Love in memory of his great aunt, Miss Violette Owens. Aunt Di was a life force in Dr. Love’s development. She spent long hours helping him learn to read when he struggled in grade school. She, along with his grandparents, taught him to work hard, encouraged his Christian faith, and helped him value and respect family. She paid his tuition to Cornell University. Her love, dedication, and giving made it possible for Dr. Love to have the joy of teaching many college students and adult learners in Oklahoma. Thus, according to the Love family, Aunt Di’s dedication to teaching and learning continues to bear fruit today. The Violette Owens scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student with a demonstrated record of continuous public/community/church service.

Bill Patrick Scholarship

Preference given to out-of-state student interested in finance and/or accounting who has demonstrated academic excellence and leadership ability.

Jim and Jackie Plaxico Scholarship

Born in South Carolina, James Plaxico earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Clemson before pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Plaxico served as Assistant, Associate and full Professor at Virginia Tech prior to being appointed Professor of Agricultural Economics at OSU in 1955. Before his retirement in 1988, he rendered distinguished performance in teaching, research and leadership. He served as Department Head from 1961-1977. During his tenure as Head, the Department experienced phenomenal growth and became one of the nation's outstanding programs. Dr. Plaxico served as a program advisor to the Colombian Agriculture Institute to design and establish an agricultural economics teaching and research program at the National University of Colombia. He served on numerous state committees such as the Governor's Council on Agriculture, Oklahoma Task Force on Economic Development, Oklahoma Energy Advisory Committee, Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the Governor's Task Force for Emergency Planning. He served as the state's Executive Director of the USDA-ASCS office from 1971-81.

Tippens Family Scholarship

The Tippens Family Scholarship is presented by one of the unique OSU families that has four graduates of the Agricultural Economics Department. Terry Tippens began in 1964 and graduated in 1968. In 1970, Tom Tippens followed in his footsteps and graduated in 1974. In 1972, Doug Tippens began and graduated in 1976 followed by Joe Tippens who started in 1975, graduating in 1979. He was one of the first dual agricultural economics/accounting majors. Their father, Thomas E. Tippens, Jr. inspired them because of his attending OSU A&M College. All of these four family members contribute to the scholarship, and they want to make sure others have the same opportunities they did.

Wedel Family Scholarship

The Wedel Family sponsors this scholarship awarded to a student demonstrating academic excellence who is actively involved in departmental club(s).

Houston and Lera Williams Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in loving memory of Houston and Lera Williams by their children, Joe (B.S. Agricultural Economics 1973) and Lori (BS Agricultural Economics 1987; JD 1990). Houston attended Oklahoma A&M where he majored in agriculture before joining the navy after his freshman year in 1942. Shortly after World War II, Houston and his bride, Lera, established their family farm on a windy hill outside of Cordell in western Oklahoma, on land homesteaded by Houston's grandparents in 1897. Houston and Lera operated a dairy, raised beef cattle, and grew wheat, cotton, and alfalfa for over 50 years until they passed away in the late 1990's. They raised six children, three of whom grew to establish careers in agriculture, or agriculture-related fields, and all of whom learned from their parents' industrious examples, the value of hard work, education, and service to others.