

National Society Descendants of American Farmers

Scholarship Recipients of 2019

Cody Levering - Casper College

Melissa Whetzal Yost - University of Nebraska at Lincoln

Stratton Wotowey - Casper College

Michael Whaley - University of Wyoming

Information on each of these students:

Cody Levering is seeking to earn a degree in Fishery and Wildlife Biology. He grew up on a ranch, raised animals for 4-H projects and is a member of FFA. Cody would like for his career to “support mutually beneficial scenarios between ranches, wildlife management and the general public”.

Melissa Whetzal Yost is earning a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. She would like to use her “agricultural studies to help farmers in cattle and swine breeding, and to do research in the field of epidemiology”.

Stratton Wotowey states that “in efforts to improve the genetic potential of livestock through the use of new technology, new enhancements in these fields spark my interest to an immeasurable degree”. He is studying to earn a double major in Animal Science and Agricultural Business.

Michael Whaley is earning a bachelor’s degree in Organizational Leadership. He is the fifth generation to live on his family’s ranch with his daughters. Michael wrote that “I work hard daily to maintain our family’s operation and be a steward of the land”. Michael is active in several agricultural related organizations and uses his academic knowledge to develop agricultural policy.

Each scholarship recipient wrote a thank you letter to NSDOAF and signed a photo release. The society honored each student with a Certificate recognizing their financial award.

All scholarship funds were given to the appropriate institution to be deposited into the student’s tuition account.

It was a pleasure to contact each of the above students to let them know of their scholarship award. All were extremely grateful for the financial support. Michael Whaley said in his thank you letter “be assured that I will honor your investment in my education and will be a strong voice for agriculture now and into the future”.