

## 2020 -- Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships

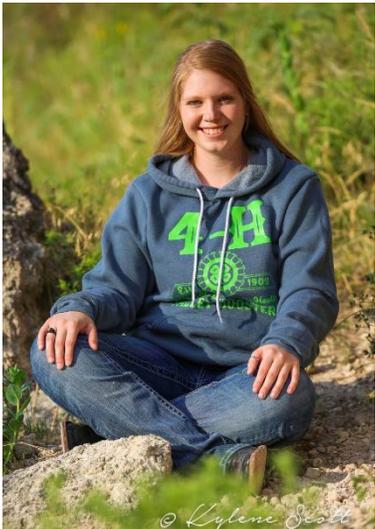
The Ford County 4-H Foundation offers several scholarships each year for current 4-H members and 4-H alumni. These scholarships are made possible because of memorials left to the local Foundation by past supporters of 4-H. Many of the memorials honor family members who were highly involved with our Ford County 4-H program either as a member, parent, community leader or volunteer. Scholarships range between \$600-\$2000 to assist financially with college expenses.

**The Paul Glenn Family Memorial Scholarship honors, Paul, Eleanora and Eldon,** since their deaths and has been assisting Ford County 4-Hers in agricultural projects since 1984 after the passing of Paul. Paul and his wife Eleanora enjoyed working with 4-H youth and encouraging them through the 4-H program. Paul was a charter member of our Ford County 4-H Foundation as well as a Community Leader while his family was growing up. Paul and Eleanora had three children, Eldon, Larry and JoAnn. All were long term members of the Prairie Schooners 4-H Club. Eldon was an 11-year member in his youth and his commitment to 4-H continued into his adult life. As a manager of the local Orscheln Farm Supply store, he continued to be a strong supporter of the Ford County 4-H program until his retirement and death in 2014. After Eleanora's death in 2018 the scholarship was renamed to the Paul Glenn Family Memorial Scholarship.



**This scholarship is awarded to Calder McCollum of Dodge City.** Calder will be a sophomore at Kansas State University this fall. He is a 2019 graduate of Minneola high School and attended K-State his freshman year. He is majoring in Agriculture Business with a long term goal of pursuing a graduate degree in Ag Business or applying to a Veterinary College of Medicine, eventually returning to Southwest Kansas to start his career. Calder McCollum is the son of Dave and Kelly McCollum of Dodge City.

**Belle and Danny Hahn Memorial Scholarship honors Belle and her son Danny.** In 1991 after the death of Belle Hahn, her memorial was incorporated into the Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarship. With the passing of her son, Danny, in 2018, a separate scholarship was started. Belle was a Community Leader for the DIY Jrs. and was an active Extension DIY Unit member. She was inducted into the National 4-H Center in 1992. Her children, including her son Danny, were very active with in the DIY Jrs. 4-H Club. Danny supported 4-H throughout his life and saw the value of having his family in the program. His grandchildren here in Ford County continue the tradition of being 4-H members in the DIY Jrs. club. Even after Danny and his wife Kay moved out of state they provided support to the local 4-H members by giving financial sponsorship to 4-H'ers who showed livestock - which was his passion.



This scholarship is awarded to **Bretta Austin of Bucklin.** Bretta Austin is the daughter of Micki Austin and is a 2020 graduate of Bucklin High School. She is planning to attend Pratt Community college in the fall and major in Elementary Education. She plans to transfer to Fort Hays University to complete her degree in Elementary education. She would like to return to the Bucklin area once she graduates to find a teaching position.

The **Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships** are awarded for 4-H work in all project areas. This award first started with the Belle Hahn memorial in 1991, with the Marjorie Miller memorial being added in 1998 and Magdalene Diane Mack memorial in 2000. It now represents the Miller and Mack memorials only.

The family of Marjorie Miller wanted to remember Marjorie through a scholarship because she believed that the 4-H program helped build responsible young people. She was an avid supporter of both 4-H activities and Extension. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren - continue to be active in the 4-H program and her daughter, Linda Martin, currently serves on the Foundation Board.

Magdalene was the infant daughter of former Ford County 4-H agent, Diane McNeill Mack, who currently is the Northeast Area 4-H Extension Specialist, and her husband Wally. Diane's family began this scholarship in her daughter's memory at the end of 1999 after the baby's death. They felt it was a wonderful way to honor her by supporting the youth of Ford County where Diane began her 4-H Extension career in 1986.

**This year three deserving youth are receiving a Ford County 4-H Foundation scholarship. They are Brooklyn Hahn, Tamara Robertson and Grace Ruehle.**



**Brooklyn Hahn** is attending Dodge City Community College with plans to continue her education through Fort Hays State University. She graduated from Minneola High School in 2018 and was a 12 year member of 4-H. Brooklyn is the daughter of Reigo and Sheree Hahn of Dodge City. She is interested in completing a degree in the agriculture field and is exploring the different opportunities within Agriculture. She knows she wants to give back to her community by being involved in the 4-H program as a volunteer or even as an extension agent.



**Tamara Robertson** is the daughter of Troy and Janell Robertson of Dodge City. She graduated from Dodge City High School and Dodge City Community College and is currently attending Fort Hays State University. She is seeking a degree in Animal Science with a minor in Child Development. Tamara's long term goal after graduation is to either be an Agriculture Extension Agent or a 4-H Youth Development Agent in Southwest Kansas or within the state of Kansas.



**Grace Ruehle** is the daughter of Greg and Kari Ruehle of Dodge City. She grew up on a ranch in Nebraska, but moved to Dodge City when she was in high school and graduated from Dodge City Senior High. She has been attending Northwest Missouri State University majoring in Animal Science Pre-Vet with a minor in General Business. Her long term goal is to own her own vet clinic. She has wanted to be a vet since she was 3 years old and is working towards that dream.

The **Larry and Nathan Martin Memorial Scholarship** is in honor of Larry Martin and his son, Nathan. It is awarded to a 4-Her involved in livestock projects. The scholarship first started in 2011 after Nathan's death from cancer. Nathan was a member of Valley Boosters 4-H Club for 12 years. He learned his leadership and livestock judging skills from 4-H activities and projects. Nathan was on nationally ranked livestock judging teams for Ford County 4-H, Black Hawk Jr. College in Illinois and Kansas State University Livestock Judging Team in Manhattan. After the 2019 death of Nathan's dad, Larry, the Memorial changed to reflect the contributions of both Larry and Nathan. Larry served the local 4-H program as a parent, leader and as a past Fair Association Board Member for many years. Larry and his wife, Linda, and their whole family have supported 4-H and the Ford County 4-H Foundation for many years.



This year the scholarship is provided to **Gabe Ellis**. Gabe Ellis is a 2020 graduate of Bucklin High School. He is the son of Will and Laura Ellis of Kingsdown. He is planning to attend Concordia University, Nebraska, a small Christian school to pursue an Agriculture Science degree and to play football his freshman year. His long term goal is to receive a Masters degree from Kansas State University and to return to the family farming and livestock operations. As a fifth generation farmer, he knows an education will help the farm remain productive and competitive as farming trends change.

**Nobuko Nicholson Memorial Scholarship** is awarded for work in home economics and the life sciences projects since 1986. Nobuko, a native of Japan, married Myron Nicholson, when he was stationed in Japan with the Air Force. They moved to the United States in 1956 where she became a US citizen in 1961. She was active in local Extension Clubs and Ford County 4-H as a Foods project leader where Nobuko also served as a parent volunteer and avid supporter of her two children in the Richland Boosters 4-H Club. In the mid 1970's, Nobuko assisted the State 4-H Office with setting up the LABO International Youth Exchange program between Kansas and Japan which is still active within the state. This memorial began in 1986 after her untimely death following an auto accident.



This scholarship is awarded to **Kiowa Derstein** of Dodge City. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Donita Derstein and is a 2020 Dodge City High School graduate. Kiowa has already received her CNA certificate and plans to continue her education in the medical field by pursuing a degree in nursing. She will be attending Dodge City Community College this fall. She currently is working in the medical field as a CNA at a local long term care facility, but her long term goal is to move to Florida and work as a labor and delivery nurse once she has her degree.

The **Myron Nicholson Memorial Scholarship** has been awarded for agricultural project work since 2011. As a cattleman, farmer, rancher, and father, Myron Nicholson was an important part of the Ford County 4-H program in the past. His family were active members of the Richland Boosters Club and continue to support Extension in Ford County. Myron was active on Extension boards as well as the local Fair Board. He believed through the 4-H program kids learn responsibilities along with practical knowledge and skills and facilitated growth together as a family unit.



This scholarship is being awarded to **Dalton Prater** of Dodge City. Dalton is the son of Sheila and Shane Hessman and Tony Prater. He is a 2020 Dodge City High School graduate. Dalton plans to attend a local community college to pursue a degree in Agriculture Business. He enjoys working with animals and his long term goal is to start his own ag business of raising show animals.

The **Nicholson Family Memorial Scholarship**, for continuing toward a college degree, was set up in 2011 to honor the memory of Myron and Nobuko Nicholson by their children Deketa Nicholson Schuckman and Charles Nicholson, both Ford County 4-H alumni. Nobuko and Myron supported 4-H throughout the years and were honored as a Ford County 4-H Salute couple in 1985. The family believes in the value of higher education and supports 4-H members as they work towards their goals.



This scholarship is awarded to **Campbell Martin** of Ford. He is the son of Eric and Holly Martin of Ford. He will be a senior at Kansas State University this fall and is pursuing a degree in Agriculture Technology Management with a minor in Animal Science. He attended Hutchinson Community College after high school graduation and was on the Livestock Judging team. After transferring to K-State he became interested in new ag technology and his long term goal is to have a career in the Precision Agriculture field and also be involved in the family farm.

The **Jean Zimmer Memorial Scholarship** was added in 2017 after her death in 2015. Jean was the daughter of Paul W. and Larene (Wilson) Zimmer. She grew up on the family farm/ranch operation northwest of Dodge City and lived most of her life there until her health declined. Jean enjoyed working on the farm raising wheat but also took pleasure in cattle and ranching. She collected marbles and thoroughly loved all of her pets. Having never married, she lovingly cared for her beloved animal family of dogs and cats. The Zimmer family utilized Extension programs and believed in the 4-H youth development program and supported the Ford County program as Jean grew up.



This scholarship is being awarded to **Brando Puentes** of Dodge City. He is the son of Martha Rodriguez and is a 2020 Dodge City High School graduate. Brando was a founding member of the newest Ford County 4-H Club, The Dodge City Cuauhtli's, which started in 2014. He will be attending the Tulsa Welding School in Oklahoma this fall. By going to welding school he will continue his education and become a better welder. His long term goals are to become a pipeline welder, be a home owner and enjoy life with his family.