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KCFB Foundation 18th Live & Silent Auction- A Success!

On January 27, the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation hosted the 18th Annual Live and Silent Auctions at the 106th Knox County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. \$8,515 was raised and will go towards the Knox County Ag in the Classroom program! We could not have done it without our great sponsors!

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KCFB Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker John Block on stage with Live Auction Items

Scholarship News

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation met and went over 15 scholarship applications on February 27. Six applications were chosen for the 2024 Scholarship Award Program. Now, we will work with the winners schools to find a time to present the scholarships. Stay tuned for the announcement of the winners!

Agriculture in the Community Grant- First Grants Awarded!

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to announce the first Agriculture in the Community Grant Awardees! ROWVA FFA was awarded \$2,500 for their Horticulture Education Program. The grant money will allow ROWVA FFA to expand their curriculum by introducing floral design and nursery operations. Students will be able to create live wreaths and centerpiece decorations. Then, 10 different species of evergreen seedlings will be purchased and planted around the school which allows the students an insight into nursery operations.

Knoxville FFA was the second grant awardee. \$5,000 was awarded for their Quid Pro GROW program. Knoxville FFA has built a 30'x40' structure consisting of lab and greenhouse space. With this additional room, Knoxville FFA hopes to grow vegetables in hydroponics systems to be used in the High School cafeteria and food labs, house fish tanks to raise tilapia grown for harvest, conduct small animal labs, hold machine/small engine labs and maintenance, and overwinter and prepare more than 65 flower pots for Main Street in Knoxville and the Knox County Fairgrounds.

These programs are exactly why the Agriculture in the Community Grant was created. The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation created this streamlined process to find areas of need in our community as well as ways to expand what organizations are already doing for agriculture! Grant applications are judged quarterly!

These grants are available to teachers, FFA Chapters & 4-H Clubs, and community groups wanting to signify the importance of agriculture in Knox County. Teachers- have a lesson idea that goes beyond the usual Ag in the Classroom curriculum? FFA Chapters & 4-H Clubs- have a field trip idea that would improve groups members knowledge of agriculture? Community Groups- have an idea that brings agriculture to the community?

Grant Guidelines:

- Grant proposals will be accepted 4 times throughout the year on the 1st of February, May, August, and November.
- Grant applications must be submitted on the application form.
- The audience of the project must include a majority of Knox County/Knox County residents.
- The recipients of the grants will be chosen based on the above criteria and guidelines along with the answers to the questions. Some applications may not be funded.
- One project may be submitted at a time per quarter.
- The grant funds may not cover all expenses related to the project.
- Projects that have a lasting impact will be favored over those with a short-term impact.
- A final report will have to be submitted within three months of completion of project.
- Publicity of the project will be coordinated with the Knox County Farm Bureau Executive Director.
- Additional information may be requested to verify the organization status.

Questions regarding the grant application should be sent to knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org

2024 Application Due Dates: February 1, 2024; May 1, 2024; August 1, 2024; November 1, 2024

The application is available at www.knoxcfb.org under the Foundation tab.

If you are interested in donating to the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau Office at 309-342-2036 or knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org. You may also donate safely online using the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation PayPal account on our website at www.knoxcfb.org/foundation or scan our QR Code:

