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KCFB Foundation Scholarship & Internship Applications Available Now!

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the 2025 Scholarship and Internship Applications are now live! Available on the website, www.knoxcfb.org/Foundation, Knox County residents who are high school seniors or current sophomores, juniors, seniors, or full time graduate students are encouraged to apply! Preference is given to applicants who have a farm background and/or are studying an agricultural-related or communication-related field. Five, \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded; three scholarships from the generous O'Connor Family, and two scholarships from the Foundation including the Thomas Lincoln Scholarship.

The KCFB Foundation Internship is pleased to host the 33rd Intern for the Summer of 2025. This internship runs from the end of May until the beginning of August. The intern will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and is encouraged to explore the possibility of using the internship to fulfill academic requirements for his or her major. The internship is open to Knox County residents who will be a sophomore, junior, senior, or full-time graduate student at a college or university during the fall 2025 semester. Preference is given to applicants who have a farm background and/or are studying an agricultural-related or communication-related field.

Agriculture in the Community Grant- November Awardee and 2025 Plan

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce they will once again offer the Agriculture in the Community Grant in 2025! Applications will again be accepted quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. Remember, these grants are available to teachers, FFA Chapters & 4-H Clubs, and community groups wanting to signify the importance of agriculture in Knox County. Questions regarding the grant application should be sent to <u>knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org</u> The application is available at www.knoxcfb.org under the Foundation tab.

The Lombard After School 4-H Club was awarded \$700 in November for the creation of the Lombard Pollinator Garden. This program will help students learn about plants native to Illinois, invasive species, and plant identification. Students will also learn basic landscaping and gardening techniques which will enhance the students knowledge on microgreens and their purpose in our environment. Utilizing the Knox County Ag in the Classroom program, students have already learned about trees around the school, pollinators (specifically bees), and the soil in their garden.

A Look Back at AITC in 2024!



Ag in the Classroom

KCFB Foundation Auction

Knox County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Saturday, January 25, 2025

Members and Businesses are asked to donate items to the KCFB Foundation Live and Silent Auction taking place during the 107th KCFB Annual Meeting. The proceeds from this event will go directly toward the Knox County Agriculture in the Classroom program.

> **QUESTIONS?** Call the KCFB Office: 309.342.2036



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