**SD FFA Members Earn National Scholarships**

There is a need to fill the pipeline of leaders in the agriculture industry, and industry is stepping up to help students meet that need. In 2023, the National FFA awarded $66,250 in scholarships, to 33 SD FFA members, through the National FFA Scholarship program. Scholarships are sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation and are given for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. These students devoted much time and effort to FFA involvement, work experience, supervised agricultural experience (SAE), community service, leadership skills and academics, making them likely future leaders in agriculture. Recipients are:

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| **Name, Chapter - Scholarship** |
| Natalie Burns, Arlington - Farm Credit Services of America |
| Lane Johnson, Centerville - Beck's Hybrids |
| Audrye Foster, Clark - Farm Credit Services of America & FFA Future Leaders by TSC-Trade |
| Emily Robbins, Elkton - Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Iowa |
| Hunter Eide, Gettysburg - Grow Ag Leaders & Syngenta Accelerating a Generation |
| Mason Knox, Highmore - Ford Trucks-Pioneer Garage Inc |
| Swayze Ness, Kimball - Farm Credit Services of America |
| Aubree Kranz, McCook Central - Grow Ag Leaders |
| Megan Stiefvater, McCook Central - Grow Ag Leaders |
| Landon Roling, McCook Central - Grow Ag Leaders |
| Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central - Grow Ag Leaders |
| Brandy Pulse, McCook Central - Grow Ag Leaders |
| Michaela McCormick, McCook Central - Grow Ag Leaders |
| Jonathon Schock, McCook Central - Ford Trucks-McCormick Motors & Grow Ag Leaders |
| Mason Pulse, McCook Central - Grow Ag Leaders |
| Korbin Leddy, Milbank - Grow Ag Leaders |
| Trevor Werdel, Miller - Ford Trucks-Pioneer Garage Inc |
| Ella Haven, Northwestern Area - Farm Credit Services of America |
| Reilly Schmitt, Northwestern Area - Farm Credit Services of America |
| Rian Gehring, Northwestern Area - Farm Credit Services of America & Grow Ag Leaders |
| Mitchell VanderWal, Northwestern Area - Grow Ag Leaders |
| Megan Nash, Northwestern Area - Grow Ag Leaders & Rabo AgriFinance |
| Ethan Boekelheide, Northwestern Area - Grow Ag Leaders & IT Memorial |
| Tanner Ewalt, Northwestern Area - Grow Ag Leaders & LaCrosse Footwear Inc. |
| Janae Olson, Parker - Ford Trucks-Parker Ford Inc |
| Madison Pankratz, Parker - Ford Trucks-Parker Ford Inc |
| Madison Hoffmann, Rapid City - Ford Trucks-McKie Ford Lincoln Inc |
| Tori Dvorak, Scotland - Farm Credit Services of America |
| Matea Gordon, Sturgis - BNSF Railway Foundation & Grow Ag Leaders |
| Mya Dissing, Tri-Valley - Farm Credit Services of America |
| Jacob Campbell, Viborg-Hurley - Ford Trucks-Parker Ford Inc |
| Connor Siemonsma, West Central - Grow Ag Leaders & Kent Nutrition Group Inc. |
| Trinity Peterson, Willow Lake - Grow Ag Leaders |