

NEWS ARTICLE ON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR COOPERATIVE NEWSLETTERS

The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation will provide up to six (6) scholarships for the 2012/13 academic year to students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) at Curtis, and Chadron State College.

The Foundation established an endowed fund for the Scholarship Program in Honor of Michael S. Turner. The scholarship program includes:

- ◆ Up to four \$950 scholarships at UNL, based on available resources, with one going to an incoming student and the balance to upperclass students majoring in agricultural business/economics
- ◆ One \$650 scholarship at NCTA for a student majoring in agribusiness or ag production systems
- ◆ One \$650 scholarship at Chadron State College to an upperclass student majoring or minoring in agribusiness

The scholarship program was initiated with the 1993/94 academic year as an important addition to the Council's youth education efforts. Since that time, 144 scholarships totaling \$109,700 have been provided to students at the three schools involved in the program.

Student eligibility is restricted to sons/daughters of a parent/legal guardian who has been an active member, director, or employee for at least the prior three (3) years of a cooperative which has been a member in good standing of the Council for at least five (5) years. Scholarship committees at UNL, NCTA, and Chadron State make the selection of recipients based on criteria established for each scholarship. The Foundation only verifies local cooperative affiliation and Council membership requirements.

Individuals will need to complete an application form indicating the local cooperative of which their parents/legal guardians are a member and submit it to UNL, NCTA, or Chadron State by April 15, 2012. The application form, which is attached to an informational brochure, is available from local cooperative managers or on the Council's website at www.nebr.coop.