

Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation ANNUAL REPORT

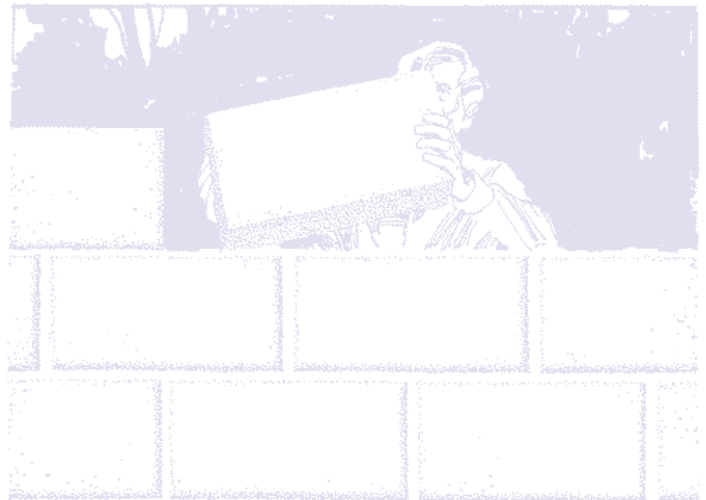
August 31, 2004

Building for the Future of Nebraska's Agricultural Cooperatives

The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation has been established by the Nebraska Cooperative Council for the purpose of enhancing the educational offerings to the cooperative and agribusiness industry. Education has always been one of the core values of the cooperative movement in Nebraska.

Specific allowable uses of Foundation funds are:

- **Scholarship programs** for high school graduates to continue their education at Nebraska post-secondary institutions that provide agribusiness management programs.
- **Continuing education programs** for local cooperative directors and employees.
- **Youth education programs** for projects such as curriculum development or cooperative day camps.
- **Travel/study scholarships** for cooperative employees to attend programs such as the Graduate Institute of Cooperative Leadership (GICL) or educational events of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (NCFC).
- **Intern scholarships** to allow students to explore cooperative career opportunities and conduct research projects for cooperatives.
- **Special educational projects** that would enhance the cooperative movement in the state. An example would be the Cooperative Recruitment Project that we conducted or the Director Certification Program video update project.



2003/04

FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

- The Foundation completed the endowment fund for the Scholarship Program in Honor of Michael S. Turner. To date we have generated contributions of \$178,748.23 for the scholarship fund.
- The Foundation obtained a grant from the CHS Foundation to update a video used in the Council's Director Certification Program.
- The Foundation has submitted several proposals to regional cooperatives for funding to improve and update current Council educational programs.

2004/05 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation awarded seven scholarships totaling \$5,200 for the 2004/05 academic year to students at the University of Nebraska- Lincoln (UNL) College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) at Curtis, and Chadron State College.

The scholarship program was initiated for the 1993/94 academic year with funding from voluntary contributions from cooperatives which are members of the Council. Since the program's inception, 93 scholarships totaling \$68,550 have been awarded.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must express an interest in or be majoring in agricultural business/economics at UNL; or business/management or ag production systems with the business option at NCTA; or agribusiness at Chadron State College. 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 years of a cooperative which has been a member in good standing of the Council for at least five years. Other criteria are used by UNL, NCTA, and Chadron State in selecting recipients.

The five recipients of \$800 scholarships at UNL include one incoming student and four upperclass students. They are:



Janae Althouse, daughter of Raymond & Judy Althouse of Eagle. Janae will be an incoming student at UNL and plans to major in Agribusiness/Leadership & Communication. The Althouses are members of Midwest Farmers Co-op in Elmwood.

Christopher Krueger, son of Michael & Miriam Krueger of Pierce. Christopher will be a junior at UNL majoring in Agribusiness with a minor in Agronomy. The Kruegers are members of the Battle Creek Farmers Co-op N/S.

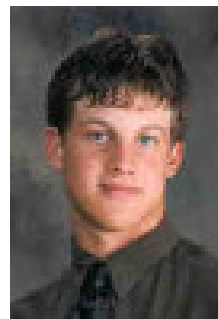


Erin Mecklem, daughter of David & Barbara Mecklem of Lyman. Erin will be a junior at UNL majoring in Agricultural Economics. The Mecklems are members of Panhandle Co-op Association in Scottsbluff.



Tiffany Minnick, daughter of Scott & Mary Minnick of Riverton. Tiffany will be a senior at UNL majoring in Agricultural Business. The Minnicks are members of Midland Co-op in Funk.

Todd Spohn, son of Keith & Shirley Spohn of Friend. Todd will be a senior at UNL majoring in Agribusiness & Agricultural Economics with a minor in International Affairs & Leadership and Communications. The Spohns are members of Farmers Union Co-op Co. in Friend and Farmers Co-op in Dorchester.



The recipient of a \$600 scholarship at NCTA is:

Carl Elting, son of Kerwin & Patty Elting of Edgar. Carl will be a second-year student at NCTA majoring in Agri Business Management Systems. The Eltings are members of Aurora Co-op Elevator Co. and Heartland Co-op in Hastings.

The recipient of a \$600 scholarship at Chadron State College is:

Ryan Hunter, son of Kenneth & Tracy Hunter of Lakeside. Ryan will be a senior at Chadron State College, majoring in Agri-business with an Ag Marketing minor. The Hunters are members of WESTCO in Alliance and Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association in Alliance.



"Through its scholarship program, the Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation encourages students to study agricultural business/economics," according to Deino Sather, Foundation Board Chairman. "The program continues to be an important part of our efforts to help youth understand the cooperative way of doing business and interest them in pursuing careers in the agricultural industry."

NCC EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation Board is pleased to announce the receipt of a major memorial gift. The gift of \$1,000 to the Foundation was made in the names of the J.A. Brodd family and the Herman Knudsen family, both of Ceresco, by Jerry and Arlene Johnson of Shelby.

In his note to the Foundation, Jerry indicated that both of Arlene's grandfathers were heavily involved in cooperatives for their entire lives, so he and Arlene felt that a memorial gift to the NCC Education Foundation would be a very appropriate way to remember the Knudsen and Brodd families. Many other family members have either served on cooperative boards or have been employees of cooperatives as well.

In addition to this gift, the Retired Cooperative Managers Association provided a gift in memory of Lorene Sullivan.

Deino Sather, Chair of the NCC Education Foundation Board, indicated the appreciation that the entire Board had for these memorial gifts and said, "Gifts such as these will allow the Foundation to grow and provide more cooperative education opportunities for future generations of Nebraskans. These memorial gifts by the Johnsons and the Retired Cooperative Managers Association will be building blocks to help the Foundation achieve its long-term goals."

Thanks to Jerry and Arlene Johnson for the memorial donation recognizing the contributions to the cooperative system of the J.A. Brodd and Herman Knudsen families; and to the Retired Cooperative Managers Association, recognizing Lorene Sullivan.

NCC Education Foundation Donors as of July 31, 2004

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Trenton	Dale Stewart
Wauneta	Lorene Sullivan

RECOGNIZING MAJOR LIFE EVENTS

During the course of a year, there are many life events that occur within the cooperative family. In many cases, individuals would prefer to invest in a more lasting tribute to friends and relatives than to invest in flowers or other more temporary items. If you would like to provide a memorial gift to the Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation, please fill out the information below and submit the form along with your check to:

Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation
134 South 13th St., Ste. 503
Lincoln, NE 68508-1901

In memory of _____ Amount: \$ _____
In honor of _____ Amount: \$ _____

Donor Information:

Name _____ Address _____
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Please send a letter of acknowledgement for the gift to:
Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Board of Directors

- Deino Sather** CoBank, Omaha (Chair)
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- Mike Turner** University of Nebraska Emeritus, Lincoln
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NEBRASKA COOPERATIVE COUNCIL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

August 31, 2004 and 2003

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash - FCE Credit Union - Restricted	\$ 33,931	\$ 45,994
Certificates of Deposit - Restricted	15,000	45,000
Accrued Interest Receivable - Restricted	<u>1,147</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>50,078</u>	<u>90,994</u>
Investments:		
Certificates of Deposit - Restricted	85,000	45,000
Deferred Annuity - Restricted	<u>46,787</u>	<u>20,696</u>
Total Investments	<u>131,787</u>	<u>65,696</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$181,865</u>	<u>\$156,690</u>

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Net Assets - Restricted:	<u>\$181,865</u>	<u>\$156,690</u>
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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Years Ended August 31, 2004 and 2003

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Revenue and Support:		
Contributions - Scholarship Program	\$ 38,123	\$ 39,573
Contributions - Co-op Recruitment Project	495	16,953
General Account	3,252	49
Interest Earned	4,604	3,635
Other Income	<u>1,091</u>	<u>696</u>
Total Revenue and Support	<u>47,565</u>	<u>60,906</u>
Expenses:		
Co-op Recruitment Project	14,419	23,447
Scholarship Program	4,534	149
General Operating	<u>3,437</u>	<u>1,411</u>
Total Expenses	<u>22,390</u>	<u>25,007</u>
Increase in Net Assets	25,175	35,899
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>156,690</u>	<u>120,791</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$181,865</u>	<u>\$156,690</u>



Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____.

Please send me more information on the Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation.

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