

SRPF awards \$1,500 in secondary education scholarships



Sheboygan River Progressive Farmers is investing in the future of the next generation through its annual scholarship program. The program awarded two scholarships to students pursuing higher education.

This year's recipients include 2024 high school graduates Chloe Breunig, Oostburg High School and Kathryn Schwartz, Plymouth High School.

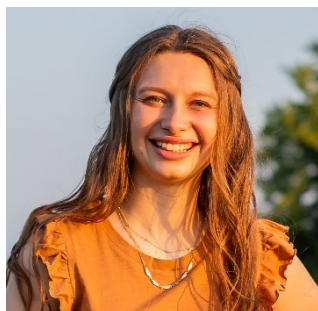
Each student has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, participation in school and community activities, involvement in agricultural organizations and academic honors. To encourage young people to continue their education in agriculture, scholarship recipients must be pursuing an agriculture or environmental science-related degree.



Breunig grew up on her family's farm, A-OK Farms, in Sheboygan Falls, where she learned the importance of sustainable farming practices. A few years ago, her family transitioned from conventional tilling to no-till and, shortly after, began planting cover crops. She has seen the benefits of improved soil health and productivity.

"I truly believe that farmers today and in the future need to embrace conservation practices to not only benefit themselves but the agricultural environment as well," Breunig said.

Breunig achieved high honors throughout high school while also working on her family farm and participating in 4-H and other activities. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall to pursue a degree in dairy science and aspires to own her family's farm in the future.



Schwartz participated in 4-H, the Plymouth FFA Chapter and community activities and was on the honor roll throughout her high school career.

She observed the benefits of conservation practices on her family's farm, specifically through crop rotation, which enhances soil nutrients and lessens the need for fertilizer use.

"I think that it is incredibly beneficial for more people to learn how to help conserve agricultural land and resources," Schwartz said.

Schwartz plans to attend Fox Valley Technical College to pursue a degree in agribusiness science and technology in animal science.

SRPF is proud to present these scholarships to two exceptional students who understand the importance of sustainable farming and are continuing their education in the agricultural field.