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2026 SCFB Foundation Scholarship and Tim Green Memorial Scholarship Winners Announced

The Stark County Farm Bureau Foundation and the Tim Green Memorial Scholarship is pleased to announce their scholarship winners for 2026. Four total scholarships will be given to 3 Stark County high school seniors pursuing careers in agriculture, including Addison Down, Hailey Allen and Tyson Gillespie.

Addison is the daughter of Robert Down and Rebecca Colgan and is a recent graduate of SCHS. She plans to attend Black Hawk East in the fall where she will major in Elementary Education. Throughout high school Addison participated in FFA, Student Council, Golf, Basketball, and 4-H.

Hailey is the daughter of Chad and Barbrea Allen and is a recent graduate of SCHS. She plans to attend Black Hawk East finish her Associates Degree and transfer to St. Francis Medical College of Nursing for a Bachelor Degree in the Science of Nursing. Throughout high school Hailey participated in 4-H, Student Council, Golf, Peer Mentoring, and a part of the National Honors Society.

Tyson is the son of Chance and Michelle Gillespie and is a recent graduate of SCHS. He plans to attend Black Hawk East and major in Ag Business or Ag Production. Throughout high school he participated in 4-H, FFA, and Basketball.

The Stark County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarship program was established to assist college-bound students who plan to pursue an agricultural major or have a general interest and background in agriculture. Since 1998, over \$80,000 has been given to Stark County students through the Stark County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarship program. For more information about Stark County Farm Bureau programs or membership call 309.286.7481 or email starkcfb@gmail.com



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2026 STARK COUNTY MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

The exhibitor must be a 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 (must be at least 14 but cannot have reached their 19th birthday before September 1, 2025 - birthdate between 9/1/2006 and 9/1/2011).

The exhibitor must be enrolled in a 4-H livestock event.

For more information or to sign up please reach out to us on the Stark County Farm Bureau Facebook page or email us at starkcfbmanager@gmail.com or scan the QR code below.

NEW THIS YEAR FOR STARK COUNTY - JUNIOR MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

Ages 11 to 14 - MUST be currently enrolled in a livestock event.

JR. & SR. SIGN UP WITH QR CODE



SIGN UP DEADLINE IS JUNE 15TH 2026

Summer Ag Institute Provides Hands-On Learning for Educators

What a fantastic day at our second annual Summer Ag Institute! We were excited to partner with Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau and Marshall-Putnam Ag in the Classroom to provide local educators with an engaging and educational experience focused on agriculture and agricultural literacy.

The day began with Miss Karen and Miss Katharine, who welcomed participants and highlighted the importance of agricultural literacy in today's classrooms. Teachers enjoyed several rounds of Ag Bingo and participated in an icebreaker activity that helped set a fun and interactive tone for the day.

Representatives from Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom then shared valuable programs and resources available to educators. Participants had the opportunity to experience lessons and activities firsthand while learning practical ways to incorporate agriculture-based learning into their curriculum. A special thank you goes to Taylor and Michelle for joining us and sharing their expertise.

The group then traveled to Badeland Dairy for an “udderly” awesome tour of the dairy operation. Educators learned about modern dairy farming practices, explored the facilities, and gained a deeper understanding of the dairy industry. The visit also included a chance to enjoy delicious Prairie Farms Dairy products. To conclude the day, participants took part in several Make-and-Take activities, providing them with hands-on resources and ideas to bring back to their classrooms. We extend our sincere appreciation to Stark County CUSD #100 and Toni Nowlan for providing transportation for the field trip portion of the day.

Most importantly, we thank all of the educators, volunteers, presenters, and farm families who helped make this event a success. Your enthusiasm, support, and willingness to share your knowledge made for an outstanding day of learning and collaboration.

It truly was a great day to have a great day!

