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### **National Western Scholarship Trust Awards \$500,000 to Agriculture Students**

The National Western Scholarship Trust is excited to announce a \$100,000 annual increase to its scholarship fund, expanding the value to \$500,000 and more than 90 recipients studying throughout Colorado and Wyoming.

Four major National Western Stock Show events contribute to the trust each year. These events include the Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale, the Citizen of the West dinner, the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions and the Boots 'n Business luncheon.

“Through the dedication and hard work of our Board, committees, staff and volunteers at the National Western Stock Show as well as the supporters of our event, we are able to provide even greater impact to students studying agriculture throughout the region,” said Paul Andrews, President and CEO of the National Western Stock Show. “This is a great day for educating more youth in area colleges and as we continue to grow in the future, we plan to increase the scholarship support even more.”

“As a member since the inception of the Scholarship Trust, I am amazed at the level of support we have received over the years that has allowed this announcement today,” said Steve Bangert, Chairman of the National Western Scholarship Trust. “I am so happy we have been able to provide an education to students that otherwise could not have attended college and have enter the work force to positively impact society.”

Established in 1983, the NWST was formed to provide scholarships to students studying agriculture, rural medicine and veterinary sciences. Since its inception, the trust has awarded more than 2,000 scholarships and has grown to more than \$8 million dollars.

#### **About the National Western Stock Show**

In the 111th year, the National Western Stock Show is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization that provides college and graduate level scholarships in agriculture and medicine for practice in rural areas. It is also our mission to serve producers and consumers throughout the world by being the premier Stock Show, Rodeo, Horse Show and center for year-round events. The 16-day show also serves as an entertainment arena, hosting one of the world's richest regular season professional rodeos, largest horse show and Colorado's largest western trade show. For more information, visit [nationalwestern.com](http://nationalwestern.com).