Congratulations to the 2016 Ray DeVries scholarship recipients

Each year the Washington Farm Bureau offers up to five (5) $2,000 scholarships as part of the Ray DeVries Memorial Scholarship program.

These scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students currently enrolled in agriculture or a related field at an accredited college or university. Applicants must have completed at least one year of secondary education.

Blake TeVelde, the son of Dale and Lori TeVelde of Whatcom County is attending Washington State University. He is majoring in agricultural technology and production management, with a minor in business administration. TeVelde showed hogs and dairy heifers while in high school. TeVelde earned his American FFA degree 2015 and placed in the top five in the nation in the FFA veterinary science contest.

Carmen Swannack, the daughter of Art and Jill Swannack of Whitman County is attending Washington State University. She is majoring in agricultural biotechnology with a minor in Spanish. Swannack grew up on a sheep, wheat and hay farm. It is Swannack’s dream to travel the world and learn about different cultures. She plans to earn her Ph.D. and find a career in plant breeding with a focus in grain crops.

Dorothy Floren, the daughter of Donald and Donna Floren of Grant County is attending North Dakota State University. She is majoring in agricultural systems management, with a double minor in crop and weed science and agribusiness. Floren’s dream is to own her own farm and ranch. Becoming a farmer is hard work, so while saving for her own farm, Floren plans to find a career in agriculture, preferably an agronomist or a job in the cattle industry.

Megan Miller, the daughter of John and Laurie Miller of King/Pierce County is attending Washington State University. She is majoring in agricultural education. Miller served as the ‘14-’15 Washington FFA state treasurer where she served 8,000 members of Washington FFA and 38,000 agricultural education students around the state. She served on a team of six and facilitated leadership workshops, lead conferences and represented the agricultural industry on a local, state, national and global level.

Patrick Yerger, the son of Russ and Michele Yerger of Skagit County is attending the University of Idaho. He is majoring in forestry. Yerger grew up working in the timber industry. His dream is to continue his career in forestry and be part of the innovation within the industry.