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## Scholarships Awarded to Arkansas Students Majoring in Agriculture and Veterinary Science

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture recently awarded \$22,000 in scholarships to four students through the Arkansas Agriculture Scholarship and Arkansas Rural Veterinary Scholarship programs.

The Arkansas Agriculture Scholarship Program is available for students enrolled in or entering an undergraduate or post-graduate degree program related to agriculture. Applicants must agree to work full-time in Arkansas for at least two years upon graduation. The Arkansas Agriculture Scholarship recipients include the following students:

- **Abby Cooper** of Benton; Animal Science Major (Pre-Vet) at Arkansas State University
- **Catelyn Parker** of Carlisle; Agriculture Business Major at Arkansas State University
- **Morgan Taylor** of Havana; Animal Science Major (Pre-Vet) at the University of Arkansas

The Arkansas Rural Veterinary Scholarship Program is available for students enrolled in or entering a post-graduate degree program in veterinary medicine at an institution of higher education. Applicants must agree to work full-time upon graduation in rural Arkansas or for a licensed veterinary practice with at least 50 percent of the practice being food animals.

The Arkansas Rural Veterinary Scholarship recipient is **Baylee Stapleton**, a student at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine.

“The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is pleased to provide funding to help students across the state further their education and prepare for potential careers in our state’s largest industry,” said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. “We wish the scholarship recipients all the best as they consider the many career options available in agriculture.”

Funding for the scholarships comes from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture. The Arkansas Department of Agriculture utilized a committee to determine scholarship recipients. Learn more about the scholarship programs at [agriculture.arkansas.gov/scholarships/](http://agriculture.arkansas.gov/scholarships/).

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