Professional Improvement Foundation Report



August 2018

2018 PIF Grants

PIF has placed a high priority in recent years to increase the number of grants and stipends it awards to members and students. Total PIF funding in 2018 is \$50,000.

Major PIF Fund Recipients

National Ag Day-\$2,000

AMS First-Time Attendee Stipends- \$1,000 (10, \$100)

Alltech Cultivating Young Ag Journalists Program- \$5,000

IFAJ Attendee Stipend-\$12,000 (12, \$1,000)

IFAJ Congress Sponsorship-\$1,500

IFAJ Master's Program-\$3,500

AAEA all Midwest Regional Meeting-\$2,000

ACT Internships- \$11,000

ACT Scholarships-\$9,500

Andy Markwart Horizon Award- \$2,500

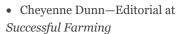
AAEA PIF TRUSTEES

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AMS FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE STIPEND WINNERS

- Allison Jenkins, MFA Incorporated
- Carley Morrison, Ag Comm Professor
- Delanie Crist, National Sorghum Poducers
- Emma Wilson, *Iowa Corn Growers Assn.*
- Jenna Sudol, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Kellie Lasack, Roan Marketing and Communications
- Kelsey Litchfield, Freelancer
- Leo Nieter, Red Barn Media Group
- Lesa Vold, Iowa State Univeristy
- Natalina Sents, Meredith AgriMedia

AAEA SUMMER INTERNS







• Alexa Nordwald— Marketing Communications at Padilla

AAEA SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

- Jill Seiler, Kansas State University
- Corryn LaRue, Utah State University
- Catherine Jones, *University of Nebraska*
- Alexa Nordwald, University of Missouri



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ALLTECH CULTIVATING YOUNG AG JOURNALISTS PROGRAM

- Tyler Harris, Farm Progress
- Katie Knapp, The Ag Photographer
- Kelsey Litchfield, Freelancer
- Emma Wilson, Iowa Corn
- Kellie Lasack, Roan Marketing and Communications

THANK YOU TO THESE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

- AAEA through Ag Media Summit net revenue (2017)- \$5,000
- Donations through membership renewals- \$4,950
- Past Presidents Contributions- \$ 1,700
- Individual Donations- \$5,176
- Corporate Donations Combined- \$12,500