

# 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**

Kelly Schwalbe (Chair), JoAnn Alumbaugh (Vice Chair), Holly Martin (Secretary/Treasurer), Amy Roady, Laurie Bedord, Rick Purnell, Sarah Kolell, Mike Rankin, Greg Horstmeier, Julie Deering, Cassie Yontz, Dave Harding, Holly Spangler, Ann Hess, Lorne McClinton

## **AMS FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE STIPEND WINNERS**

- Allison Jenkins, *MFA Incorporated*
- Carley Morrison, *Ag Comm Professor*
- Delanie Crist, *National Sorghum Producers*
- 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 University*
- Natalina Sents, *Meredith AgriMedia*

## **AAEA SUMMER INTERNS**

- Cheyenne Dunn—Editorial at *Successful Farming*
- 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*



## **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