

## 2019 PIF Grants

PIF continues its mission to support professional development for students and young, mid and late career professionals. Recently, the PIF board enacted a policy that will start in 2020 of the following grant distributions:

- 30% for young professionals
- 30% for mid-career professionals
- 20% for experienced or late-career professionals
- 20% for students

## Major PIF Fund Recipients

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

IFAJ Master Class -\$2,000

IFAJ Young Leaders - \$500

Internships- \$11,000

Scholarships- \$7,500

Andy Markwart Horizon Award- \$2,500

## Total Grants In 2019

**\$27,000**

Amy Roady	Ann Hess
Betsy Freese	Bill Spiegel
Carey Brown	Cassie Yontz
Charles Hall	Cheryl Tevis
Cindy Ladage	Deanna Weeda
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# Professional Improvement Foundation Report



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## **AAEA SUMMER INTERNS**

Loren Lindler—Editorial at *Successful Farming*

Katherine Wist— Marketing Communications at *Charleston | Orwig*



Gardner & Gardner Communications

## **AAEA SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS**

Amanda Crow, *Iowa State University*

Janae McKinney, *Kansas State University*

Jessica Wesson, *University of Arkansas*

Kathryn Zelechowski, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*



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## **ALLTECH CULTIVATING YOUNG AG JOURNALISTS PROGRAM**

Diane Meyer, *American Hereford Association*

Michelle Miller, *Farm Babe, LLC*

Marlee Moore, *Alabama Farmers Federation*

Ryan Tipps, *Carbon Media Group*

Megan Vollstedt, *Meredith Agrimedia*



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