

Jessica Schoessow – 2017 Recipient



The recipient of the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation Badger Meter Scholarship for \$1,300 is Jessica Schoessow of the Lindenwood 4-H Club. Her parents are Kurt and Cary Schoessow. This scholarship was the first established by the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation and was given in honor of Mr. Jack Janik of the Badger Meter Corporation, a founding member of the 4-H Foundation board. It is given to the most outstanding applicant as determined by the scholarship panel. Jessica is a ten-year 4-H member who has held just about every leadership position in her club, as well as leadership roles in various projects and extra-curricular activities. Some of her projects include Beef, Auctioneering, Leathercraft, Archery, Photography, and Drawing and Painting. She was Miss Ozaukee 2016, a camp counselor, an Ambassador, and the first youth Vice President of the Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association. She has been a Madison Youth Conference delegate, as well as a delegate for the American Spirit and Citizenship Washington Focus trips. Jessica has been very involved in the 4-H Beef project, winning Reserve Champion 3 times. She participated at the State Fair in the Jr. Livestock Show, and performed on the Wisconsin State Fair Activity Stage numerous times. Outside of 4-H, Jessica is a member of the Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt (Freistadt German Dance Group), and is involved in the Homestead High School Drama Club. She is a member of the Homestead Track Team, works part time, and is very active in her church. Jessica has a passion for art and plans to study Art Education at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. Congratulations Jessica, on being awarded the 2017 Badger Meter Scholarship!

Ella Hoerchner – 2017 Recipient



The recipient of the Richard and Diane Omdahl Family Scholarship for \$1,000 is given to Ella Hoerchner of the Town & Country 4-H Club. Her parents are Jim and Sheri Hoerchner. Richard and Diane Omdahl believe that the 4-H program is what has helped shape the lives of their children and they wish to give back to the program through this named scholarship. Ella is an eleven-year member of the Town & Country 4-H Club. Some of her many projects over the years include Swine, Dairy, Shotgun, Auctioneering, Cake Decorating, Celebrate Art, Quilting, Home Environment, and Basketry. In 2014, she was a Miss Ozaukee delegate. Some of her leadership roles include project youth leader, camp counselor, Miss Ozaukee 4-H delegate, Jr. Camp Director, and Leaders Association Youth Representative. In 2017, she was chosen to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus – Presidential Inauguration. Outside of 4-H, Ella is active in her church as a singer, and in other ministries. She is a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to holding 2 part-time jobs, she was a member of her high school swim and track teams. Ella's future field of study is as an Occupational Therapist Assistant. Congratulations, Ella, on being awarded the 2017 Richard and Diane Omdahl Family Scholarship!

Kevin Gierach – 2017 Recipient



The recipient of the 2017 Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation S. Duane Stroebel Scholarship for \$1,000 is Kevin Gierach of the Lindenwood 4-H Club. His parents are Bob and Amy Gierach. This scholarship is given in memory of Mr. S. Duane Stroebel. Mr. Stroebel was an agricultural enthusiast and an ardent supporter of the Ozaukee County 4-H program. Kevin is a ten-year member of the Lindenwood 4-H Club. He has been involved in Woodworking, Leathercraft, Archery, Small Engines, Foods & Nutrition, Sheep, and Dairy Beef, to name a few of his projects. From a club leadership perspective, Kevin has served as Vice President, Secretary, and Pledge Leader. Kevin has been a delegate to Citizenship Washington Focus, American Spirit, the State 4-H Youth Conference, and Space Camp. He was a Variety Show performer at the state level for 5 years, has participated in 4-H Day at the Capitol, as well as in the Ozaukee County 4-H Board Exchange. Outside of 4-H, Kevin is active in his church, serving as an usher, a singer in the male choir, and various other activities. He has also worked as a milking and crop employee at Rolling Meadow Farms. Kevin plans to attend Lakeshore Technical College to pursue a degree in Dairy Herd Management. Subsequently, he plans to attend technical college to achieve degrees in welding and/or diesel engines. Congratulations, Kevin, on being awarded the S. Duane Stroebel scholarship. Best wishes as you pursue your educational goals!

Caitlyn McCombe - 2017 Recipient



Caitlyn McCombe is awarded an Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation scholarship in the amount of \$900. This scholarship is made possible by donations received from the many benefactors of the Foundation. Caitlyn is a 5-year member of the Covered Bridge 4-H Club. Her parents are James and Lisa McCombe. Caitlyn has held various leadership positions in her club, including President and Youth General Leader. She has been chair of her club's Variety Show Committee, where she served as a successful playwright. Her efforts enabled her club to achieve success at the Wisconsin State Fair, where her club's skit was recognized as one of the top 10 acts at the fair. Caitlyn has also served as Youth Liaison to the Leaders Association, participating on the Banquet, Fundraising, and Projects committees. She has been active in the Ozaukee County 4-H Board Exchange and has volunteered for several activities like Breakfast on the Farm, The Clover Café, and parking cars at the county fair. Outside of 4-H, Caitlyn volunteers at the Mequon Nature Preserve, is a minute-taker for the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce, and is active in her church in various roles such as Summer Camp Leader, and as a Children's Ministry Intern. Caitlyn attends Carthage College, studying aquatic biology. Best wishes, Caitlyn, as you continue to expand your knowledge at the collegiate level. Congratulations Caitlyn on being awarded a 2017 Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation Scholarship!

Maria Tischer – 2017 Recipient



Maria Tischer is awarded an Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation scholarship in the amount of \$900. This scholarship is made possible by donations received from the many benefactors of the Foundation. Maria has been a member of the Lindenwood 4-H Club since 2009. Her parents are Todd and Luda Tischer. Some of Maria's projects include Leathercraft, Foods & Nutrition, Scrapbooking, Genealogy, Woodworking, Jewelry Making, and Photography. She has been a youth leader in the Vegetable, Foods, and Music projects. Maria was a delegate to the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference. She performed piano solos for several years in the 4-H Variety Show, and performed at the State Fair in the Large Group Act category for 4 years. Outside of 4-H, Maria was active on her high school's Varsity Field Hockey team, was a dance choreographer for the school musical, and held summer jobs as a life guard and swim instructor. She is a member of Die Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt (German Folk Dance Group), a member of the National Honor Society, and participated in many community service events. Maria has a desire to help people stay healthy and live better lives, and plans to study dentistry in college. Congratulations Maria on being awarded a 2017 Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation Scholarship!