Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Awards 92 Scholarships

The Iowa Grocery Industry Association raised more than $102,000 in 2016 to fund scholarships through the Iowa Grocers Education Foundation. These fundraising efforts fortify the foundation’s finances so that it can continue to provide scholarships to deserving youth with connections to the grocery industry. The foundation received 401 applications for the 92 scholarships that were awarded for the 2016-17 school year. Scholarships, totaling $148,600 were awarded to students who are at least part-time employees of an IGIA member company or the children of full-time employees working for an IGIA member.

Two primary fundraisers that make the IGEF Scholarships possible are the IGEF Scholarship Golf Classic, which brought in $67,784 this year, while another $35,000 was presented to the IGEF through the IGIA Convention Auction for a total of $102,784.

Mueller Yurgae Associates also made a significant contribution to this year’s fundraising efforts, providing a $2,000 sponsorship and raising $1,600 for the IGEF Endowment Fund through the IGIA Early Bird Golf Tournament at the IGIA Get Connected Convention.

IGEF Provides Member-Funded “Piggyback” Scholarships

The IGEF “Piggyback” Scholarship program allows IGIA members to award scholarships to their employees and children of employees without the expense of administering a scholarship program. Participating in the “Piggyback” scholarship program has many potential benefits. A company or individual can honor a relative, founder or former leader by designating a scholarship in that person’s name. Offering a scholarship could have potential tax benefits (be sure to consult with your tax professional). Assisting young people to obtain a college education enhances a company’s image. The option to provide “Piggyback” scholarships is just one among many benefits afforded through IGIA membership.

For more information on the “Piggyback” scholarship program or the IGEF, contact Michelle Hurd at 800-383-3663 or mhurd@iowagrocers.com.
The numbers are in. Iowa Grocery Industry Association members drove, putted and chipped their way through two Ankeny golf courses this spring, raising $67,784 for the Iowa Grocers Education Foundation.

Despite a soggy start to the day, this worthwhile event went off without a hitch. Not only is it lots of fun for everyone involved, it funds scholarships for deserving college students with ties to the grocery industry.

The annual golf event, which was held Wednesday, May 11, 2016, took place at the Otter Creek and Briarwood golf courses.

A total of 232 golfers played a round of golf and contributed $2,930 to the IGEF by purchasing raffle tickets and taking part in putting contests.
The Iowa Grocery Industry Association is proud to present the 2016-2017 Iowa Grocers Education Foundation scholarship winners.

Gabriela Amador | Sioux City
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Junior
Major: elementary education
She is employed at Fareway in Sioux City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Kennedy Bass | Boone
University of Iowa
Freshman
Major: pre-dentistry
Her father is employed at Fareway in Boone.
Iowa Beverage Systems Scholarship ($1,000)

Brea Baumhover | Storm Lake
Iowa State University
Freshman
Major: apparel & graphic design
Her father is employed at Fareway in Storm Lake.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Alexandra Beard | Ankeny
Baylor University
Sophomore
Major: biology, pre-pharmacy
Her mother is employed at Fareway in Ankeny.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Matthew Bentley | Waukee
University of Iowa
Junior
Major: business analytics, information systems
His mother is employed at SHAZAM.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($1,800)

Kathleen Bevans | Mount Vernon
University of Northern Iowa
Junior
Major: accounting
She is employed at Gary’s Foods in Mount Vernon.
Dietrich Family Scholarship ($500)

Courtney Biere | Webster City
Iowa State University
Freshman
Major: event management
She is employed at Fareway in Webster City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Claire Birchmier | Carlisle
Iowa State University
Freshman
Major: child psychology, nutrition pre-medical program
She is employed at Hy-Vee in Des Moines.
Iowa Beverage Systems Scholarship ($1,000)

Holly Bock | Mason City
Loras College
Freshman
Major: pre-occupational therapy
Her father is employed at Hy-Vee in Mason City.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($1,800)

Nolan Bromley | Clinton
Iowa State University
Sophomore
Major: mechanical engineering
He is employed at Fareway in Clinton.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Abigail Brooks | Collierville, Tenn.
University of Memphis
Senior
Major: art education
Her father is employed at Associated Wholesale Grocers.
Ken Uglum Memorial Scholarship ($500)

Abigail Carter | Ankeny
University of Iowa
Freshman
Major: health, human physiology
Her father is employed at Fareway in Ankeny.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Destiny Clark | Summer
Morningside College
Sophomore
Major: pre-medicine
She is employed at Fareway in Sioux City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Nicole Clark | Osceola
Northwest Missouri State University
Senior
Major: elementary education
She is employed at Fareway in Osceola.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Mackenzie Claydon | Bondurant
Simpson College
Freshman
Major: English, journalism, public relations
She is employed at Brick Street Market in Bondurant.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($900)

Ian Dailey | Charles City
North Iowa Area Community College
Freshman
Major: mgmt, info. systems
He is employed at Fareway in Charles City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Steven Davis | Bethel Park, Penn.
Pennsylvania State University
Sophomore
Major: biomechanical engineering
His father is employed at Bay Valley Foods.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($1,800)

Claire Eagan | Spencer
University of Iowa
Sophomore
Major: pre-physical therapy
Her father is employed at Fareway in Spencer.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Samuel Engelken | Manchester
Wartburg College
Sophomore
Major: graphic design, business administration
His father is employed at Fareway in Manchester.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Nicole Foshaen | Cresco
University of Iowa
Freshman
Major: biomedical engineering
She is employed at Fareway in Cresco.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Brittney Fredericks | Denison
Western Iowa Tech Community College
Freshman
Major: general studies
She is employed at Fareway in Denison.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Mackenzie Freese | Denison
Iowa Western Community College
Sophomore
Major: early childhood education
She is employed at Fareway in Denison.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Rebecca Fuhrmeister | Bettendorf
University of Iowa
Freshman
Major: biology, Spanish
Her father is employed at Hy-Vee in Davenport.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($1,800)

Marina Ginther | Altoona
Full Sail University, Winter Park, Fla.
Freshman
Major: computer animation
Her father is employed at Kum & Go.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($1,800)
Rachel Gray | Ankeny
State University
Freshman
Major: elementary education
Her father is employed at PDI in Ankeny.
Perishable Distributors of Iowa ($500)

Ellen Hammel | Sergeant Bluff
University of South Dakota
Senior
Major: secondary English ed.
Her father is employed at Fareway in Sioux City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Ryley Heffron | Melrose
Iowa State University
Freshman
Major: ag business
Her mother is employed at Hy-Vee in West Des Moines.
Iowa Beverage Systems Scholarship ($1,000)

Brian Hoffman | Oelwein
Kirkwood Community College
Freshman
Major: physical therapy
Her mother is employed at Fareway in Oelwein.
Beckwith Foundation Scholarship ($2,000)

Rachel Hoffman | West Bend
Iowa State University
Freshman
Major: architecture
She is employed at Fareway in West Bend.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($900)

Emma Hyatt | Boone
Luther College
Sophomore
Major: music education
Her father is employed at Fareway in Boone.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Amber Karsten | Newton
St. Ambrose University
Junior
Major: exercise science
Her mother is employed at Hy-Vee in Newton.
Mary I. Fitzgerald Scholarship ($1,800)

Hayden Kilgore | LaVista, Neb.
Nebraska Wesleyan University
Junior
Major: nursing
Her father is employed at Fareway in Boone.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Levi Kohl | Harlan
University of Iowa
Freshman
Major: civil engineering
He is employed at Fareway in Harlan.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Melanie Lambert | Dayton
University of Northern Iowa
Junior
Major: art education
She is employed at Fareway in Ft. Dodge.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Nicole Lang | Cedar Rapids
University of Northern Iowa
Senior
Major: accounting
She is employed at Fareway in Cedar Falls.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Clarice LeBlanc | Dubuque
Coe College
Junior
Major: accounting, int’l business
She is employed at Hy-Vee in Dubuque.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($900)

Steven LeWarne | Clive
New York University
Freshman
Major: vocal performance, musical theatre
He is employed at Hy-Vee in West Des Moines.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($900)

Mikaela Livengood | Eagle Grove
Morningside College
Sophomore
Major: mass comm., advertising
Her father is employed at Fareway in Eagle Grove.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Colton Lullman | Storm Lake
Grand View University
Sophomore
Major: business administration
He is employed at Fareway in Storm Lake.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Monica Magaña | Sioux City
Briar Cliff University
Sophomore
Major: nursing
She is employed at Fareway in Sioux City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Jacob Manternach | Osceola
Iowa State University
Freshman
Major: food science
His father is employed at Fareway in Osceola.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Emma Markowski | Urbana
University of Iowa
Freshman
Major: American studies
She is employed at Fareway in Vinton.
Beckwith Foundation Scholarship ($2,000)

Adam Medick | Elkhart
University of Northern Iowa
Senior
Major: accounting
His father is employed at PDI in Ankeny.
Perishable Distributors of Iowa ($500)

Mark Mettler | Cedar Rapids
Mount Mercy University
Junior
Major: business management
His father is employed at General Mills.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($1,800)

Madison Miller | New Hampton
University of Northern Iowa
Sophomore
Major: speech language pathology
Her mother is employed at Fareway in New Hampton.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Mitchell Millius | Dubuque
St. Ambrose University
Junior
Major: bus. mgmt., marketing
He is employed at Fareway in Dubuque.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Katelyn Mortenson | Spencer
University of Iowa
Sophomore
Major: biomedical engineering
Her mother is employed at Hy-Vee in Spencer.
Mueller Yurgae Associates Scholarship ($1,000)

Elizabeth Myers | Newton
Frostburg State University, Md.
Freshman
Major: wildlife, fisheries
Her father is employed at Fareway in Newton.
Iowa Beverage Systems Scholarship ($1,000)
2016 Scholarships

Laura Naber I Dyersville
Clarke University
Junior
Major: secondary ed., English
She is employed at Fareway in Dyersville.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Mikaela Naber I Dyersville
University of Northern Iowa
Junior
Major: elementary education
She is employed at Fareway in Dyersville.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Chad Nelson I Sheldon
University of Northern Iowa
Freshman
Major: accounting
His mother is employed at Fareway in Sheldon.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Josh Neumann I Ft. Dodge
Iowa State University
Freshman
Major: aerospace engineering
He is employed at Fareway in Ft. Dodge.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Emma Nicholas I Klemme
Grand View University
Senior
Major: studio art
She is employed at Fareway in Des Moines.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Andrew Noah I Spencer
St. John’s University, Collegeville, Minn.
Junior
Major: theology, theater
He is employed at Hy-Vee in Spencer.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($900)

Vincent O’Meara I Moline, Ill.
Augustana College
Sophomore
Major: education
His father is employed at Mueller Yurgae Associates.
Mueller Yurgae Associates Scholarship ($1,000)

Benjamin Olson I Iowa City
University of Iowa
Junior
Major: human psychology
He is employed at Fareway in Iowa City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Collin Oswald I Webster City
Iowa State University
Sophomore
Major: architecture
He is employed at Fareway in Webster City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Willem Paul I Iowa City
Iowa State University
Sophomore
Major: software eng., German
He is employed at Fareway in Iowa City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Devin Phaly I Sergeant Bluff
Morningide College
Sophomore
Major: advertising, Spanish
He is employed at Fareway in Sergeant Bluff.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Makayla Phillips I Riverside
Mount Mercy University
Freshman
Major: nursing
Her father is employed at Fareway in Iowa City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Hannah Pulis I Webster City
University of Central Missouri
Senior
Major: fashion merchandising
She is employed at Fareway in Webster City.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Christy Ralston I Savanna, Ill.
Cornell College
Sophomore
Major: biochem., molecular bio.
She is employed at Gary’s Foods in Mount Vernon.
Dietrich Family Scholarship ($500)

Tori Rayner I Royal
University of Northern Iowa
Senior
Major: communication
She is employed at Fareway in Spencer.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Sean Reilly I Lisbon
Illinois Institute of Technology
Freshman
Major: architecture
He is employed at Gary’s Foods in Mount Vernon.
Dietrich Family Scholarship ($500)

Madison Riley I Marion
Simpson College
Sophomore
Major: unspecified
Her father is employed at Fareway in Marion.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Sean Riley I Perry
University of Northern Iowa
Freshman
Major: history and business
His mother is employed at Fareway in Perry.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Michael Rimahe I Madrid
Iowa State University
Junior
Major: accounting, finance
He is employed at Market of Madrid.
Market of Madrid Scholarship ($250)

Riley Schlichte I Melbourne
Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn.
Freshman
Major: neuroscience
She is employed at Fareway in Marshalltown.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Margaret Schnafer I Marion
Kirkwood Community College
Sophomore
Major: business management
She is employed at Fareway in Marion.
F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

Michael Seymour I Urbandale
Iowa State University
Freshman
Major: mechanical engineering
He is employed at Hy-Vee in Urbandale.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($900)

Emily Simon I Dubuque
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Junior
Major: industrial engineering, business administration
She is employed at Hy-Vee in Dubuque.
Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($900)

Jacob Slabaugh I Kalona
Kirkwood Community College
Freshman
Major: computer software dev.
He is employed at JW’s Foods in Kalona.
J.W.’s Foods Scholarship ($750)
2017 Scholarships

- Sara Sinker | Des Moines
  Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.
  Freshman
  Major: communications, marketing
  She is employed at Fareway in Clive.
  Iowa Beverage Systems Scholarship ($1,000)

- Lea Spitznagle | Avoca
  St. Ambrose University
  Junior
  Major: early childhood education, speech pathology
  Her father is employed at Avoca Super Foods.
  Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($1,800)

- Mercedes Stefferson | Des Moines
  University of Northern Iowa
  Junior
  Major: elementary education
  She is employed at Fareway in Cedar Falls.
  F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

- Emily Steinbach | Centerville
  University of Iowa
  Sophomore
  Major: pre-med, cellular biology
  Her father is employed at Hy-Vee in Centerville.
  Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($1,800)

- Logan Street | Cedar
  Indian Hills Community College
  Freshman
  Major: business
  He is employed at Fareway in Oskaloosa.
  F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

- Alexandria Sturtz | Elkhart
  University of Iowa
  Freshman
  Major: microbiology
  She is employed at Fareway in Ankeny.
  F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

- Morgan Stutzman | Johnston
  Drake University
  Freshman
  Major: data analytics
  His father is employed at Johnson Brothers of Iowa.
  Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($1,800)

- Scott Summers | Bettendorf
  University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
  Freshman
  Major: mechanical engineering
  He is employed at Hy-Vee in Bettendorf.
  Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($900)

- Lauren Tielbur | Kellogg
  University of Northern Iowa
  Junior
  Major: marketing, management
  Her father is employed at Fareway in Grinnell.
  F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

- Lexie Troutman | Dyersville
  Iowa State University
  Sophomore
  Major: journalism, mass comm.
  Her mother is employed at Fareway in Dyersville.
  F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

- Erin VanderBleek | Clinton
  St. Ambrose University
  Junior
  Major: business
  She is employed at Fareway in Clinton.
  F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

- Benton Vest | Newton
  Iowa State University
  Freshman
  Major: construction engineering
  He is employed at Fareway in Newton.
  Beckwith Foundation Scholarship ($2,000)

- Janelle Vircks | Wausau, Wis.
  Drake University
  Senior
  Major: pharmacy
  She is employed at Hy-Vee in Des Moines.
  Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($900)

- Victoria Wachtarenko | Waterloo
  Luther College
  Sophomore
  Major: biology
  Her mother is employed at Quillin’s in Waterloo.
  Grocery Manufacturers Association Scholarship ($500)

- Bailey Wade | FL. Dodge
  Iowa State University
  Junior
  Major: English education
  She is employed at Fareway in Ft. Dodge.
  Robert G. Carper, Jr. Scholarship ($1,800)

- Brittani Watson | Clear Lake
  University of Northern Iowa
  Senior
  Major: accounting, business
  She is employed at Fareway in Clear Lake.
  F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

- Sydney Weldon | Waterloo
  Iowa State University
  Sophomore
  Major: biology
  Her mother is employed at Hy-Vee in Waterloo.
  Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($1,800)

- Kayla Williams | Boone
  Des Moines Area Community College
  Freshman
  Major: nursing
  Her father is employed at Fareway in Boone.
  F. William Beckwith Scholarship ($2,000)

- Molly Wirtz | Council Bluffs
  University of Nebraska at Omaha
  Senior
  Major: criminal justice, emergency management
  She is employed at Hy-Vee in Council Bluffs.
  Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarship ($900)

- Keegan Wolfe | Des Moines
  Iowa State University
  Junior
  Major: graphic design
  His father is employed at PDI in Ankeny.
  Perishable Distributors of Iowa Scholarship ($500)

2016-2017 IGEF Scholarships

- Beckwith Foundation Scholarships ($2000)
- Iowa Grocers Education Foundation Scholarships ($1800)
- Mary I. Fitzgerald Scholarship ($1800)
- Robert G. Carper, Jr. Scholarship ($1800)
- Iowa Beverage Systems Scholarships ($1000)
- Mueller Yurgae Associates Scholarships ($1000)
- JW’s Foods Scholarships ($750)
- Dietrich Family Scholarships ($500)
- Grocery Manufacturers Association Scholarship ($500)
- Ken Uglum Memorial Scholarship ($500)
- Perishable Distributors of Iowa Scholarships ($500)
- Retail Management Certification Scholarships ($500)
- Market of Madrid Scholarship ($250)
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HISTORY OF THE IOWA GROCERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Mary I. Fitzgerald Scholarship Program

The Iowa Grocers Education Foundation was established in 1992 to assist youth with ties to the grocery industry achieve their dreams of obtaining a higher education. The IGEF Scholarship program was renamed the Mary I. Fitzgerald Scholarship Program in 1997 in tribute to Mary I. Fitzgerald, who guided the Iowa Grocery Industry Association from 1964 to 1981.

Since 2001, the IGEF has helped more than 1,200 youth obtain a post-secondary education, awarding 1,318 scholarships, totaling more than $1.8 million. These scholarships paved the way for youth to achieve their ultimate career goals within and outside of the grocery industry.

A large number of the deserving young people assisted by these scholarships say that they would not be the doctor, CEO, nurse, teacher or business professional they are today without the help of the Mary I. Fitzgerald Scholarship Program.

Total since 2001=$1,878,500 (more than $1.8 million)