



## Maryland Farm Bureau Announces Scholarship Winners

*Recipients focus on future careers in the ag community*

DAVIDSONVILLE, MD. (May 26, 2022) — Maryland Farm Bureau is proud to announce some future leaders in agriculture representing farming backgrounds, by way of its scholarship recipients of 2022. Three scholarships were awarded to Maryland students pursuing academic degrees in food, agriculture and/or natural resources disciplines, and two scholarships were awarded to students pursuing degrees in other academic disciplines or minoring in food, agriculture, and/or natural resources.

The five scholarships, each valued at \$2,000, were awarded to Rosalie McGuirk of Bel Air, Mackenzie Ridenour of Hagerstown, Marissa Roberts of Taneytown, Courtney Schrader of Earleville, and Lynne Thomas of Fallston. Recipients or their parents/guardians are members of Maryland Farm Bureau. Selection was made by a scholarship committee designated by Maryland Farm Bureau.

Applicants were required to write an essay answering the following question: Studies show more farmers and farm families are experiencing stress and mental health issues. What can farmers, ranchers and Farm Bureau do to proactively promote good mental health in both themselves and their communities?

“Maryland Farm Bureau is excited to support up-and-coming contributors to agricultural communities,” said Wayne Stafford, Maryland Farm Bureau president. “We know these student members, or children of Farm Bureau members, have the background and motivation to contribute to the farming economy and we can’t wait to see what they accomplish.”

The scholarship awardees are:

- Rosalie McGuirk of Harford County Farm Bureau is a high school senior at John Carroll High School in Bel Air, Maryland. She will be a college freshman in the fall, with plans to major in Animal Science.
- Mackenzie Ridenour of Washington County Farm Bureau is a freshman at Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. She is majoring in Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

- Marissa Roberts of Carroll County Farm Bureau is a senior at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland. She is majoring in Sports Management.
- Courtney Schrader of Cecil County Farm Bureau is a senior at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland. She is majoring in Business Management and Communications.
- Lynne Thomas of Baltimore County Farm Bureau is a senior at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. She is majoring in Agricultural and Extension Education.

For more information about the scholarship program at Maryland Farm Bureau and within Maryland's county Farm Bureaus, please visit [www.mdfarmbureau.com/scholarships](http://www.mdfarmbureau.com/scholarships).

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