

Virginia Lee – 2016 Recipient



The recipient of the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation Badger Meter Scholarship for \$1,300 is Virginia Lee of the Lindenwood 4-H Club. Her parents are Richard and Deanna Lee. This scholarship is given to the most outstanding applicant as determined by the scholarship committee. 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. Virginia has been in 4-H since joining Cloverbuds as a young girl. Her club leadership experience includes roles from pledge leader to president. She has held multiple project youth leader roles, has been active in numerous county and state-level activities, was an avid summer camp counselor/youth director, and supports her community through volunteerism. Some of her projects have included Dairy, Photography, Leathercraft, Shotgun, Automotive, and auctioneering. Virginia has been a delegate for various 4-H sponsored trips, including American Spirit, Citizen Washington focus, Space Camp, and the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference. Outside of 4-H, Virginia is active in her school as an athlete and National Honor Society Officer, and also participates as a volunteer at her church. Virginia will be attending the University of Wisconsin River Falls, majoring in Agricultural Engineering, with a minor in Spanish. Congratulations Virginia, on being awarded the 2016 Badger Meter Scholarship!

Gabby Gventer – 2016 Recipient



The recipient of the Richard and Diane Omdahl Family Scholarship for \$1,000 is given to Gabby Gventer of the Cloverleaf 4-H Club. Her parents are John and Karen Gventer. 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. Gabby is an 8 year member of the Cloverleaf 4-H club. She has held a number of leadership roles, some of which include Dairy Youth Leader, Cloverbud Youth Leader, Space Camp Counselor, 4-H Ambassador, Arts Camp Counselor/Director and Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation Youth Board Member. If it's 4-H related, Gabby is probably there! Projects she has taken over the years include Photography, Native Plants, Decorating, Environment, Archery, etc. She represented 4-H as Miss Ozaukee 2015. She is very active in her club's community service opportunities, like Make a Difference Day, Grafton Flower Bed, and Family Sharing Holiday Gift Giving. She also volunteers for the 4-H Haunt & Jamboree. Gabby participated at the state level in various arts programs. She has been awarded a number of trips, including the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference, American Spirit, Citizen Washington Focus, and Space Camp/Advanced Space Camp, returning as a counselor. She is very active outside 4-H, working at Lasata Care Center, volunteering at her church, is active in many school extra-curricular activities, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Gabby plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering, with a goal of working for NASA as an Aeronautical Engineer. Congratulations Gabby, on receiving the 2016 Omdahl Scholarship!

Gabrielle Batzko – 2016 Receptient



The recipient of the 2016 Ozaukee County 4- H Foundation S. Duane Stroebel Scholarship for \$1,000 is Gabrielle Batzko of the Town & Country 4-H Club. Her parents are John and Barbara Batzko. This scholarship is given in memory of Mr. S. Duane Stroebel. Mr. Stroebel was an agricultural enthusiast and a strong supporter of the Ozaukee County 4-H program. As an 11 year member of Town & Country 4-H club, Gabrielle has served in a number of club leadership positions, including club president and vice president. She is a long time member of her club's dairy project, as well as Scrapbooking, Cake Decorating, Music, Drawing and Painting, Auctioneering, as well as many others. She attended Space Camp as a delegate, then counselor. Gabrielle has been an active leader in Older Youth, along with a number of Dog Project leader roles. She works with special needs children through the Special Olympics program and the 4-H Together We Can program. She is active in her church as a musician, and works at the Lasata Care center. Her future plans include studying Sustainable Development with a concentration in Agro-ecology and Sustainable Agriculture. She will minor in economics. Congratulations, Gabrielle!

Sharla Boehlke – 2016 Receptient



Sharla has been 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. Sharla is a ten year member of the Little Kohler 4-H Club. Her parents are Royal and Linda Boehlke. She has been a youth leader in Ceramics and Beef, and has been her club's Treasurer and President. Some of her projects include Beef, Swine, Ceramics, Foods and Nutrition, Auctioneering, and Home Environment. She has attended the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference, and has been active in the Haunt, Livestock Association, Bunny Breakfast activities, to name a few. She is an employee at Mink Creek Farms, and is active in her church and community. Sharla plans to study Agriculture Economics at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Melinda Kneprath - 2016 Recipient



Melinda Kneprath has been 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. Melinda is an 11 year member of the Town & Country 4-H club. Her parents are Roger and Sheila Kneprath. Her many leadership roles include Club President and Archery Youth Leadership, and she represented Ozaukee County 4-H as Miss Ozaukee 2014. Her projects have included Exploring, Ceramics, Foods and Nutrition, Leathercraft, Archery, Shotgun, Music and Photography, and a number of others. She was selected as a delegate to the Wisconsin Youth Conference, Citizen Washington Focus, and American Spirit. She was very involved at both the county and state level, as well as in non 4-H activities in her church and community. Melinda currently attends the University of Wisconsin - Stout, studying Graphic Design & Interactive Media. She is also working towards a minor in Business Administration.

Natalie Niehueser – 2016 Receptient



Natalie Niehueser has been 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. Natalie is a 10 year member of the Cloverleaf 4-H Club. Her parents are Robert and Dorena Niehueser. Her club leadership includes roles as Vice-President, Secretary, Historian and Volleyball Coach. At the county level she has been a 4-H Ambassador, variety show performer, Haunt volunteer, and participant in a number of community service and fundraising activities. She has represented Ozaukee County at the State Fair Clothing Review, the State Fair Variety Show, as well as singing at the State Fair. Outside of 4-H, she is active as a volunteer in her church, in sports and student government at her school, and in leadership at YMCA's Camp Minikani. Her future plans include study in the field of Aeronautical Science.