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## Midwest Food Processors Award \$9,000 in Scholarships

The Midwest Food Processors Association ([MWFPA](http://www.mwfpa.org)) has awarded six \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate students majoring in agriculture or food science at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and the University of Wisconsin- Platteville.

Three students were chosen to each receive \$1,500 from the Carlton A. Friday Scholarship Fund for the 2016-17 school year. One of the students selected is attending the University of Wisconsin - Madison. She is Lauren Sipple of Denmark, Wisconsin. The other two students are each attending UW-Platteville. They are: Emily Hefty from Mount Horeb, Wisconsin and Marlee Bonham of Baraboo, Wisconsin.

The MWFPA also selected the following three students, one attending UW- Platteville and the other two UW- Madison respectively receiving \$1,500 from the Kenneth G. Weckel Scholarship Fund for the 2014-15 school year. They are: Jordan McLane of Elizabeth, Illinois, Ian Fox of Cudahy, Wisconsin, and Stephanie Thiel from Plymouth, Wisconsin.

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The scholarship winners have been invited to attend the MWFPA's 112th Annual Convention and 89th Food Processing Crops Conference, one of the largest and most established food processing gatherings in the Midwest. It will be held Tuesday, November 29, 2016 through Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

"The MWFPA recognizes the vital role played by agriculture and the food processing industry in the Midwest economy," said MWFPA president Nick George. "These scholarships help students to continue their education and support the growth of these two major industries. We are proud to support these promising students who will play an important role in shaping the future of agriculture and food manufacturing," he added.

The two scholarship programs were created by the MWFPA in honor of leaders in the food processing industry. The Kenneth G. Weckel Scholarship is named for a University of Wisconsin food science professor who contributed greatly to the advancement of vegetable and fruit processing through his research and teaching. The other scholarship is named for Carleton A. Friday whose family founded the Friday Canning Company of New Richmond, Wisconsin.

Scholarship applicants are evaluated on recommendations submitted by an employer in addition to a school faculty member or advisor, and a letter of interest submitted by the applicant. Academic achievement and financial need are also considered.