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Arkansans Invest in Youth Scholarships through the 2017 Arkansas State Fair Sale of Champions

LITTLE ROCK (Oct. 22, 2017) — The Arkansas State Fair held the 2017 Sale of Champions and Premium Scholarship Program in Barton Coliseum. Arkansas' junior livestock exhibitors will receive scholarship awards from the individuals or organizations bidding the highest amount for their grand champion or reserve grand champion livestock. The scholarships go to:

- Mathew Exum, the 15 year old son of Derek and Lisa Exum. He is a 9th grade student at Greene County Tech and is a member of Greene County 4-H. His family resides in Paragould in Greene County. He showed the grand champion pen of broilers, for which the Poultry Federation contribution \$3,500.
- Andrew Ellis, the 15-year old son of Ricky and Heather Ellis. He is a 9th grader at Greene County Tech, a member of the Green County 4-H and resides in Beech Grove in Greene County. He showed the reserve grand champion pen of broilers, which the Poultry Federation contributed \$3,100.
- Whitney Walker is the 16 year old daughter of Eric and Linsay Walker. She is a junior at Prairie Grove High School, a member of the Prairie Grove FFA and resides in Prairie Grove in Washington County. She showed the grand champion steer, for which Arkansas Farm Bureau contributed \$18,000.
- Samuel Tillery, the 11 year old son of Brad and Mandy Tillery, is a sixth grader at Fountain Lake and member of the Fountain lake 4-H. Samuel resides in Lonsdale in Saline County, and he showed the reserve grand champion steer, for which the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association contributed \$13,000.
- Katie Head is the 17 year old daughter of Rodney and Kristie Head. She is a senior at Greene County Teach and a member of Walcott 4-H. She resides with her family in Paragould in Greene County and she showed the grand champion market hog, for which Blue Ribbon Campaign and ADM ShowTech contributed \$9,000 collectively.

- Jessica Griffin is the 16 year old daughter of Allen and Tenna Griffin. She is a junior at Greene County Tech and a member of Greene County 4-H and Greene County Tech FFA. She resides in Paragould and showed the reserve grand champion market hog, for which Wild Hog and Steve Cobb Family contributed \$7,000, collectively.
- Kinder Harlow is the 18 year old son Brad and Robin Harlow. He is a freshman at Connors State College and member of Prairie Grove FFA. He resides in Prairie Grove in Washington County and showed the grand champion market lamb, for which Farm Bureau Insurance contributed \$6,250.
- Kaylie Stone is the 17 year old daughter of Stacey and Tracy Stone. She is a senior at Gurdon High School and a member of Gurdon FFA and resides in Gurdon in Clark County. She showed the reserve grand champion market lamb, for which Blue Ribbon Campaign contributed \$3,500.
- Ty Finch is the 16 year old son of Jeff and April Finch. He is a junior at Buffalo Island Central High School and a member of Buffalo Island Central FFA. Ty resides in Monette in Craighead County and showed the grand champion market goat, for which Arkansas Farm Bureau contributed \$7,000.
- Abbi Johnson is the 12 year old daughter of Daniel and Shelli Johnson. She is a 7th grader at Dover Middle School and a member of Pope County 4-H. He resides in Russellville in Pope County and showed the grand champion meat pen, for which Publishing Concepts Inc. contributed \$3,000.
- Jessica Griffin is the 16 year old daughter of Allen and Tenna Griffin. She is a junior at Greene County Tech and a member of Greene County 4-H and Greene County FFA. She resides in Paragould in Greene County and showed the grand champion single fryer, for which Arkansas Farm Bureau Board of Directors contributed \$1,000.

The Arkansas State Fair concludes today, Sunday, Oct 22 in Little Rock.

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