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Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship Recipients Announced

Lifetime of participation in Iowa State Fair pays off for Tayler Etzel

Des Moines, IA, August 26, 2013 – Iowa College Aid has announced that Tayler Etzel of Alburnett, Iowa, is one of two recipients to receive the Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes outstanding Iowa high school seniors who have actively participated in the Iowa State Fair and plan to attend an Iowa college or university. Tayler was able to demonstrate her involvement in the State Fair through many achievements as both a 4-H member and Future Farmers of America (FFA) member.

Tayler is a recent graduate of Alburnett Junior-Senior High School. This fall, Tayler plans to utilize the \$1,000 scholarship as she attends Iowa State University, working toward a degree involving agriculture and business.

“It was apparent from her application that Tayler’s commitment to raising animals and showing at the Iowa State Fair has had a significant impact in shaping who she is today,” said Julie Voss, Associate Director of Program Administration at Iowa College Aid, the state agency charged with administering the scholarship. “I have no doubt she will be very successful at Iowa State University. It’s a pleasure to recognize her with this scholarship.”

Tayler received her award during the Iowa State Fair and was presented a certificate of recognition by Governor Branstad. “I was pleased to be able to award the scholarship to Ms. Etzel,” said Branstad.

“Tayler’s work ethic and community involvement makes her an excellent choice for this award. I wish her the very best as she continues her education at Iowa State University.”

For more information about the Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship, go to www.IowaCollegeAid.gov or contact Iowa College Aid at 877-272-4456.

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