

ADM Sponsors Eighty Scholarships for FFA Members

The agribusiness will sponsor eighty \$1,000 scholarships in 2016, helping further its partnership with the national organization and make a positive difference in the lives of students.

For more than a century, the people of Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM)—one of the world’s largest agricultural processors—have transformed crops into products that serve the world’s need for food, feed and energy. And for the last 55 years, the company has partnered with the National FFA Organization to promote agriculture with America’s youth.

Last year, the Illinois-based agribusiness invested more than \$365,000 to FFA toward the development of tomorrow’s business leaders through agricultural education. The contribution was given through ADM Cares, ADM’s social investment program that directs funds to initiatives and organizations that drive meaningful social, economic and environmental progress worldwide.

“ADM is proud to partner with the National FFA and to do our part to help develop a pipeline of future leaders across industries, including agriculture,” said Mark Schweitzer, vice president of Investor Relations at ADM, 2017 chair-elect of the National FFA Foundation Sponsors’ Board, and one of the recipients of this year’s Honorary American FFA Degree.

The National FFA Organization welcomes members with a variety of career aspirations and helps them develop their talents and explore interest in a broad range of agriculture pathways—from engineering, crop sciences and accounting to merchandising and production farming, all of which ADM has a vested interest. Like FFA, ADM’s Animal Nutrition division—a leading producer of livestock feeds, supplements and nutritional products—has been a long supporter of U.S. agriculture and has served the cattle and pork production industry with consistent feed formulations since 1885. The division boasts several industry-leading brands that enrich America’s food supply, including MoorMan’s® ShowTec® brand of livestock show feeds.

In 2016, ADM will sponsor eighty \$1,000 scholarships for FFA students. Scholarship recipients will be selected by FFA and must be college-bound FFA members with at least a 3.0 GPA, strong leadership skills, community involvement and plans to pursue a college degree in agriculture or other specified majors. Recipients will be selected this spring.

“Whether it’s through sponsoring college scholarships for FFA students, establishing the first FFA corporate Alumni Affiliate, funding leadership training conferences and awards programs or ADM colleagues volunteering at local FFA chapters across the country, ADM has a long history of partnering with the FFA. We are proud to continue that support this year,” Schweitzer said.

FFA operates at local, state and national levels and boasts more than 570,000 members and 7,500 local FFA chapters in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Its programs are funded through sponsorships like ADM’s and individual donations at the local state and national levels.

“FFA members will go on to become ADM’s customers, suppliers, and employees. Engaging with FFA scholarship recipients is one way ADM can build relationships with these future partners in the industry,” concluded Schweitzer. “FFA does tremendous job of developing and preparing students for leadership roles and successful careers in the agriculture industry, and we are proud to help advance their mission.”

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