



Certified Texas Bred Registry Announces 2018 Scholarship Winners

Kyle, Texas – May 22, 2018 - The Certified Texas Bred Registry program was established in 1996 to promote Texas bred and raised pigs and supports both the breeders and the 4-H and FFA youth of Texas who raise and show Certified Texas Bred pigs. Through this program, stock show premiums in excess of \$750,000 has been awarded to Texas youth over the 20 year existence of the Certified Texas Bred Registry. With the great success of CTBR, a scholarship and production grant program was developed in 2011; since its inception, \$65,000 has been awarded to Texas youth. CTBR committee chairman, Shannon Barbee, said, "This year we had an outstanding group of applicants, which made our selection process extremely difficult. As an organization, we are pleased to award these five scholarships and give back to the youth of Texas." The Certified Texas Bred Foundation Gilt Program are proud to announce this year's scholarship recipients:

- Alexandra Ely, Comfort High School
- Riley Reep, Ropes High School
- Trevor Schwartz, Wall High School
- Erin Steglich, Holland High School
- Kamlynn Thomas, Jacksboro High School

Funds for the scholarship program come annually from the sale of the foundation gilt, which is donated by a top CTBR breeder. This year Jason Lackey, of Lackey Livestock in Haskell, graciously donated an exceptional gilt to make this possible. TPPA Executive Vice President, Brandon Gunn, stated, "The future is bright for The Certified Texas Bred Registry as it is continually growing and providing a tremendous impact for all the breeders and youth who participate. Our entire group of applicants are a great example of what the future holds."



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