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Sydney May Recipient of Larry E. Sitzman Scholarship

Sydney May of Aurora was named the 2022 recipient of the Larry E. Sitzman Youth in Nebraska Agriculture Scholarship. The daughter of Sara May and David and Janet May. Sydney is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska -Lincoln, studying Animal Science and following the pre-vet track. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Leadership has been a huge part of Sydney's life starting with holding various officer positions as a member of the multiple 4-H clubs, the Hamilton County Jr. Leaders and Hamilton County 4-H Council. Along with 4-H she joined FFA her freshman year of high school and is still an active member. The fact that FFA members can continue to be a member to the age of 21, has given Sydney many more opportunities for leadership with younger members. She frequently returns to Aurora High School to teach workshops about swine and give presentations in the animal science classes about 3 times each semester. She also teaches livestock judging and is helping with building plans and ideas for a FFA barn in Aurora for the students to use to learn more hands-on material with livestock.



Since beginning college, Sydney has become involved with the UNL Block and Bridle chapter and the pre-vet club. Upon completion of her bachelor's degree from UNL Sydney plans to apply for the 2+2 program through UNL and Iowa State University to complete vet school. She looks forward to staying active in the FFA alumni association and working closely with local FFA chapters to continue educating younger generations about ag. In addition, she plans to be advocate for 4-H as a leader and board member. Her goal is to be able to use her role in agriculture to lead younger generations as they make their way into the industry.

Shana Beattie, NPPA President extended her congratulations stating that, "Sydney's qualities of leadership and participation in the agriculture community emulates the scholarship's name's sake, Larry E. Sitzman who throughout his life shared his leadership and passion for agriculture".

The Nebraska Pork Producers Association a grassroots, incorporated, nonprofit organization established in 1961. NPPA was developed to promote the pork industry through the enhancement of consumer demand, producer education and research. For more information, visit NPPA's website at nepork.org.