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DEPARTMENT NEWS

Department Scholarships: The Department of Agriculture offers scholarships to currently enrolled students and students entering the department as freshmen or community college transfers. Over \$80,000 in scholarships were awarded in 2025. New scholarship recipients will be announced in March 2026. **Deadline to apply is February 15th for current students, February 1st for incoming students.** For more info on the scholarships available and to apply visit: <https://agriculture.illinoisstate.edu/academics/scholarships/>



RSO / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HOOF N' HORN:** Meeting **Wednesday, January 28th at 6:00 pm in RAB 106.** Join us to kick off the spring semester!



***FARMHOUSE RUSH 2026:** 2 Man Pool Tournament @Chapter House – Jan 29th | Poker Night @Chapter House – Feb 12th 7-8 pm | Superbowl Watch Party @Chapter House – Feb 8th @5:00 pm | Bid Day (Invite Only – @TBD). Contact (309) 214-2304 | Email: njswan2@ilstu.edu | Snap: Swanny_5.0 | Chapter House address: 805 S. Franklin, Normal, IL 61761.



ISU SPVA (Student Pre-Veterinary Association): Spring Semester 2026 Meetings:



February 3rd | February 17th | March 3rd | March 17th | March 31st | April 7th | April 21st. RAB 108G | Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR): Spring 2026 Recruitment, join us for these recruitment events!

January 28th Cookout 5:30 pm | February 3rd Alumni Panel 6:30 pm | February 5th Bowling at ISU BBC 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Questions? Contact Abe Rader (309) 706-1207 agrade2@ilstu.edu | SNAP: ABRAMRADER11



Collegiate Farm Bureau: Meeting **February 4th in RAB 107F at 7:00 pm.** Talking Points: Young Leaders Conference, Upcoming Events. Activity: String Art! Meal: Buffalo Wild Wings!



Sigma Alpha Recruitment Week: **February 9-14 at 6:00 pm in RAB 108.**

Questions? Contact Recruitment Chair Lauren Monk (309) 824-4937





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JOB / INTERNSHIPS

Landscape Position: Here is a link to a landscape position currently open with the City of Champaign.



<https://jobs.makeitcu.com/companies/city-of-champaign/jobs/65353621-landscape-maintenance-worker-ii>

This was shared with Dr.Boerngen by Johnpaul McGreal, ISU Class of 2015, who currently works in that department for the City of Champaign. The city has a strong preference for those with a Horticulture/Agriculture degree and will be flexible with a start date if the candidate is finishing their degree; the city will help train the candidate to get their CDL. For more information or with questions, students can reach out to Johnpaul directly (johnpaul.mcgral@champaignil.gov).

Broker Assistant Position: Advance Trading (ATI) is looking to fill a full-time position. The Broker Assistant will assist brokers daily with functions related to commodity trading and daily trade verification. Excellent interpersonal skills are a must because this individual will interact with a large volume of customers via phone calls, email, and IMs. This is a full time position with full benefits. Work hours would be 6am-2pm, 7am-3pm or 8am-4pm. Please reach out to me should you have any questions. Debi Belmar | Human Resources Manager | Advance Trading | 309 664 2340 (1/20/26)

Internship: Get Paid To Play! Camp War Eagle is a premier summer camp experience in Northwest Arkansas. Information and to apply visit <https://campwareagle.org/staff/> (12/1/25)

Internship: Beck's Practical Farm Research (PFR) program in El Paso, IL. is searching for two interns to work with their research team during the growing season. These positions provide hands-on experience in agronomy, data collection, and on-farm research—skills that are valuable for students pursuing careers in agriculture. If you have questions, contact Andrew Cottrell (andrew.cottrell@beckshybrids.com) Students can learn more about PFR and apply directly through this link:

Internships: Click on the links below for more information and to apply for internships:

<https://jobs.jbsfoodsgroup.com/pages/students>

<https://careers.cargill.com/en/northamericanuniversityprogram>

<https://careers.landolakesinc.com/us/en/purina-internship>

<https://beefnw.com/internships/>

<https://gkbcattle.com/internship-program/>

Internships: GROWMARK/FS has multiple internship opportunities: Career Portal (<https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/>)

SCHOLARSHIPS:

***IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS:** The lineup includes more than \$340,000 in tuition support. Application link and all supporting materials can be found at www.iaafoundation.org. Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. If answers cannot be found there, then please direct questions to our office. All applications must be completed online by **end of day February 15**, no exceptions. As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, our Mission is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. We proudly offer scholarship opportunities for students pursuing degrees related to agriculture, and those with family farming backgrounds.



Scholarships: Kane County Farm Bureau (KCFB) scholarships are now available. \$45,000 in 9 scholarship categories on 1 application. **Apply by February 15th.** For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.kanecfb.com/scholarships>

***Scholarships:** Illinois Landscape Contractors Education & Charitable Organization (ILCECO) has seven college scholarships available for 2026. For more information and to apply visit <https://landscapeillinois.org/scholarship-program/>. **Applications are due by March 6.**

Scholarships: Trans Ova Genetics is now accepting scholarship applications. Are you a livestock – enthusiast planning on attending college? Consider applying for a Trans Ova Genetics Youth Scholarship. We know it is not easy to finance a college education, and we know many students can use help achieving their educational goals. Our scholarship program is designed to encourage youth involved in the livestock industry to make a commitment to higher education and agriculture. The program offers multiple scholarships with a value of \$1,000 per scholarship. The scholarship categories are: • High School Senior | • Undergraduate Student | • Veterinary Student. Scholarship applications will open in January. **Applications are due by March 15.** [Apply](#)



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Scholarships: 2026-2027 scholarship opportunities through the Garden Clubs of Illinois (GCI) and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). **Garden Clubs of Illinois:** two (2) \$4,000 scholarships for next school year. **Deadline is March 15, 2026.** Complete requirement information and forms are available at <https://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org/scholarships>. **National Garden Clubs:** one (1) scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year. **Deadline is February 1, 2026.** Complete requirement information and forms are available at either <https://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org/scholarships> or <https://www.gardenclub.org/college-scholarships>



NETWORKING

Landscape Illinois: We're looking forward to welcoming you and your students to iLandscape 2026 in Schaumburg this February. **iLandscape™** As registration continues, we wanted to share a few important reminders and highlights to help you plan your visit. **Event Dates: Wednesday–Friday, February 25–27, 2026** | A few reminders about the show:

- Tradeshow passes are FREE for students, parents/chaperones, and staff
- Use discount code HORTSTU26 to receive special student pricing |

Register here: https://www.compusystems.com/servlet/sar?evt_uid=348

Show website: <https://ilandscapeshow.com> | Student Day & Design Awards (Friday): The Student Design Awards Ceremony begins on Friday at 10:00 a.m. New for 2026: Following the awards, a panel of landscape designers/architects will provide live critiques of student designs. Friday also includes student-focused programming and full access to the show floor.

The iLandscape 2026 Visit <https://ilandscapeshow.com> to register! Helps students experience the inspiration, networking, and learning opportunities that make iLandscape so special. Students can take advantage of the student discount code HORTSTU26 when registering for iLandscape.

