

Who Can Contribute?

Contributions are invited from individuals, Farm Bureau members, businesses, and organizations that see value in supporting the goals and programs of the Foundation. In addition, the Foundation receives, and welcomes, donations of land and assets from estates made through bequests, as well as charitable giving through life insurance.

How Can I Contribute?

There are many ways to contribute to the SCFB Foundation. The easiest way for Sangamon County Farm Bureau members is to add the donation to your membership dues renewal when you receive it in the mail. We are also happy to receive contributions in cash or through endowments, bequests, trusts, covenants, gifts, or legacies. Donors may choose to make either a Restricted or an Unrestricted (General) contribution. You will receive a signed receipt once your contribution is received.

The Foundation Board will review proposed large donations, and any terms specified by the donor, to ensure that the donation will legitimately and substantially enhance the charitable programs of the Foundation and that any conditions associated with the donation can be met.

The SCFB Foundation is a charitable organization exempt from taxation under the US Code 501(c) 3. Donations to the Foundation are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes to the extent provided by law. No goods or services will be provided in consideration for contributions. Please contact your tax or legal advisor. SCFB Foundation does not provide tax or legal advice.

The SCFB Foundation Contribution Form

Yes, I want to make a contribution to the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation

I'd like to make a single contribution

OR

I'd like to make a multi year pledge by giving \$ _____ per year for the next _____ years.

An annual pledge notice will be sent to you at a date of your choosing.

OR

I'd like to be contacted to discuss donor opportunities further.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Please Complete this form and mail with check to:

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Our Mission

**To Support Education, Research, and
Activities that Benefit Sangamon
County Farms and Agriculture**



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Foundation**



What is the SCFB Foundation?

The Sangamon County Farm Bureau Foundation is a charitable organization recognized by the IRS as a public charity. The focus of the foundation is to advance educational opportunities and understanding of the agricultural industry, support research opportunities for the betterment of agriculture, and offer general promotion of agricultural education in the community. A key goal of the foundation is to fund awards and scholarships for the benefit of agricultural education programs.

The organization has a Board of 9 Directors. It is their duty to raise funds, raise awareness, and raise support for activities designed to fulfill the mission of the foundation.

The Foundation is involved in a variety of programs and services that may include:

- College scholarships for students majoring in an agriculture related degree
- Funding for both market research and scientific research that benefits Sangamon County farms and agriculture
- Sponsoring fundraising events
- Agricultural education programs for elementary & secondary students

AND MUCH *more!*

Contribution Levels and Their Significance

To remind us of the rich heritage of production agriculture and the proud people that have made it an endouring success we thought it important to name our contribution levels according to some of the tasks that took skill, patience, and were held in high regard among friends and neighbors.

ROW MASTER

\$100,000 +

The Row Master recognizes an individual that stood above all the rest. They were good at every aspect of raising a crop from plowing straight to keeping their fields clean of weeds, and harvesting a high quality crop. We honor our top contributors with this esteemed title.

HERDSMAN

\$50,000 - \$99,999

It takes a special person to handle livestock and drive them down the road to the next pasture. But one with such skills not only kept his livestock out of his neighbors fields but moved them with care and precision. We proudly recognize this individual with one of our highest contribution levels.

JUNIOR HERDSMAN

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Every young person had to learn the trades and skills of their fathers in order to help work the farm and carry it on. Livestock can be an ornary sort and learning the skills of handling them was especially important for keeping people and animals safe from harm while protecting fences, gates, and stalls. We made this one of our top three contribution levels to remind us that youth play an important part of agricultures success.

CORNHUSKER

\$10,000 - \$24,999

During harvest the sign of manhood sometimes consisted of the skill of shucking corn using a hook or peg. With this skill an exceptional worker could harvest 75-100 bushels a day on average. Speed and stamina was required to get the harvest in and it took a strong man to be effective. This contribution level is titled Cornhusker to recognize the hard working people that brought in the harvest.

PLOWMAN

\$5,000 - \$9,999

The art of keeping the furrow straight and working the team of horses to their fullest potential carried with it a special pride. Men who were skilled at this task were generally good at whatever they did. Such a strong leader and hard worker deserved to have a place among our contributor levels and is why we honor them.

THRESHERMAN

\$2,500 - \$4,999

When the harvest was ready many neighbors united to support the task of threshing wheat. This was hard work and men actually had many tasks to get the grain threshed. Ladies cooked for all the men and everyone large and small had a task. We applaud them for their sense of unity and "helping thy neighbor".

CARTMAN

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Whether pulling a wagon or plowing a field great pride was taken by men who excelled at driving a team of horses or mules. Keeping a team on track and making sure all were pulling their weight took know how and constant attention. We celebrate the skill of the cartman or teamster by placing it as one of our contribution levels.

GOLD: \$500 - \$999

SILVER: \$250 - \$499

BRONZE: \$100 - \$249

CONTRIBUTOR: \$1 - \$99