The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation has awarded seven scholarships totaling $6,050 for the 2011/12 academic year to students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) at Curtis, and Chadron State College (CSC).

Stacee Wright, daughter of Brian and Heidi Wright of Hamlet, is among the recipients and will receive a $650 scholarship to Chadron State College. She is a senior majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Agribusiness. The Wrights are members of the Wauneta Co-op Oil Company where Brian serves on its board of directors.

The scholarship program was initiated for the 1993/94 academic year with funding from voluntary contributions from the agricultural cooperatives which are members of the Nebraska Cooperative Council. Since the program's inception, 144 scholarships totaling $109,700 have been awarded.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must be majoring in agricultural business/economics at UNL; business/management or ag production systems with the business option at NCTA; or have a major or minor in agribusiness at CSC. Eligibility is restricted to sons or daughters of a parent or legal guardian who has been an active member, director or employee for at least the prior three years of a cooperative which has been a member in good standing of the Council for at least five years. Other criteria are used by UNL, NCTA, and CSC in selecting recipients.