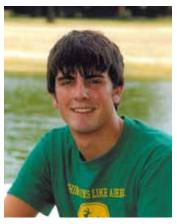
Garrett W. Mooberry Memorial Scholarship Fund





The Garrett W. Mooberry memorial scholarship, established in October of 2011, offers an annual scholarship to worthy Tazewell, Peoria and Woodford sophomore, junior or senior students majoring in agriculture at Western Illinois University. Students with an interest in animal science, 4-H or FFA experience or a farm background will get priority by the selection committee at Western.

Garrett Mooberry was an energetic, fun-loving cattleman killed in a vehicle accident just eight months after graduating with a degree in animal science and ag business from Western Illinois University in May, 2010. His death left a giant hole in his friends' and family's lives, and they established a scholarship for ag students at Western in Garrett's name in 2011.

As a cattle kid in Tazewell County IL, Garrett participated in crops and beef projects as a member of Morton First Rate 4-H Club and carried on his love of farming into his college career first at ICC where he was on the Meat Judging team. At Western Illinois University, Garrett was a valuable member of Hoof and Horn, a hands-on beef club. He loved helping younger children learn to care for and show cattle. Garrett was well known for his cattle skills, traveling throughout the US to help cattlemen prepare their animals for sales and shows. He also maintained an Angus cow herd at his home farm. Garrett was happiest in the barn or in the tractor unless he could be showing cattle at one of the national shows in Denver, Houston, or Kansas City or at a local sale. He was well respected as a hard worker and skilled custom cattle fitter. As a member of Tazewell County Young Leaders, Garrett encouraged others to follow their hearts in whatever they did.

For further information about this scholarship, visit www.cfmorton.org/mooberry scholar/.

Legacy and stability. Endowed gifts provide a gift that lasts forever. Your gift is invested over time. Earnings from the fund are used to provide annual scholarships. Scholarships made from the Garrett W. Mooberry Memorial Scholarship Fund will continue beyond our lifetimes. The fund will grow as future donors, with a concern for excellence in education, add to it, thus providing increasingly larger scholarships well into the future.

The power of endowment

A half century ago, Paul Cesarz made a choice that continues to benefit his community today. He created an endowed fund in 1952 with \$150,000 in assets. The fund immediately began earning income and distributing grants to causes important to him. Fifty years later and 35 years after Paul's death, the Cesarz Fund had grown to \$1,066,003. And in that 50th year, it generated more than \$50,000 in grants, supporting a range of community needs—a park renovation, a museum exhibit, cancer research, and more. Because Paul chose to endow his gift, he has enabled more than \$1.1 million in grants to go to his community—almost eight times the impact he would have made by giving the original gift to charity all at once. And though Paul has passed away, the fund in his name will go on supporting his community, leaving a lasting legacy.

This example comes from another Community Foundation, but it can happen in Morton too.