

NUTRIEN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: April Allen for the 2019-2020 academic year.
April is a Junior from New Jersey.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Horticulture;
floriculture
concentration

EXTRACURRICULAR:

National Honor Society

STATE OF BEING

I was born and raised in the small valley town of Hackettstown, New Jersey. While my family did not grow up farming, Hackettstown was surrounded by farms of different kinds and I had many friends who grew up on dairy farms and had horses. Growing up I was very much into horses and started riding and had horses. As I grew older I got into garden bees of my grandmother. She was an avid gardener and I spent many hours with her in the garden. I tasted my first honey suckle, saw my first heirloom tomato and learned how peanuts grew, all with my grandmother. I often left her house with clippings to propagate myself. I still have a piece of her snake plant, which was her fathers. I may not have grown up on a farm but I often feel like I should have! I worked on a produce/apple orchard for 6 years and it was my favorite job. After obtaining an injury in roller derby, I had to quit that job. I eventually got a job at a florist shop and greenhouse where I was able to let my creative juices flow. I loved designing arrangements and doing wedding flowers as well as taking care of all the plants in the green house. All of these events that happened in my life is why I am now here in Colorado pursuing a degree in horticulture. I will never get tired of plants!

STATE OF DREAMS

Although my degree is not in soil and crops, I would ideally like to have a small produce farm that invites children to learn how to plant and grow food. Many children (especially inner city) do not know where their food comes from. Even some adults have no idea when fruits and veggies are in season. That is because the grocery store always has things available year round.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for this scholarship. Your gift has helped me continue my dream of becoming the first person in my family to graduate college. I was so happy and relieved to get this gift! Again, thank you so much!!



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Andrew Barney for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Andrew is a Junior from Colorado.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Soil and Crop Sciences;
Plant biotechnology,
genetics, and breeding

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Volunteer at local farm

Member of the open-
seed initiative

Member of the Rocky
Mountain Seed Alliance

STATE OF BEING

I was born and raised in Loveland, Colorado. I am have been married for almost a year and we are expecting our first child. I am a first generation student. I spend a lot of time researching and doing my own plant breeding projects.

STATE OF DREAMS

I want to make new plants and new combinations. I want to work somewhere where I can push the boundaries of plant breeding. I would like to travel the world and collect rare and wild species of fruits and vegetables.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for your donation! This will greatly impact my family by helping me to attend school without worrying where the money for tuition will be coming from. This will help me to progress in my interests and my career. Again, thank you.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Sam Bryan for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Samantha is a Sophomore from Colorado.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Agricultural Business

Soil and Crop Science

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Fair Trade Club

GrowHaus Intern

Colorado Merit
Scholarship

STATE OF BEING

I grew up in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, only a ten minute drive west from Downtown Denver, the closest thing to a farm around me are the greenhouses in which decorative flowers are grown. Growing up so close to Downtown Denver meant that I had quick and easy access to some of the best restaurants in Colorado, but despite the plethora of great restaurants near me I will always prefer home cooked meals. I know what good food is and I can tell that my mom and grandma's cooking is great food. My love for food translated into my interest and passion for where food comes from, leading me into choosing a major in the college of Agriculture. Outside of food, I am interested learning about different cultures and hope to travel the world someday. I am also passionate about the environment and hope that enough progress is made in alleviating climate change before it is too late. I am not entirely certain about what I want to do in the future, I just know that I want to leave a good mark on the world.

STATE OF DREAMS

With any career I pursue, my overall objectives are to be happy with the career I have and work towards making processes more environmentally friendly, productive and sustainable. More specifically, I hope to work with a company that focuses on using technology to make agriculture more sustainable and use natural resources, such as water, in the most effective and efficient ways. I also aim to work in Urban Agriculture for a few years, as I believe Urban Agriculture is frequently underrated and ignored. I still have a lot to learn about Agricultural Business, so I imagine my career objectives will become refined as I continue to acquire more knowledge and gain more experience.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

The act of giving is very powerful and can impact someone's life more than the donor may ever know. With this generous scholarship, I will turn what was selflessly given to me and give back to my community by doing the best I can in University and later in the workforce. A financial burden has been lifted from my shoulders which allows me to now do things such as research and club activities instead of working. With less time devoted to work that does not contribute to my long term goals, I can focus on gaining more experience in my major, a field I care about. Though I can't express all my gratitude in words, I hope this paragraph will at least partially suffice.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Leigh Button for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Leigh is a Freshman from Colorado.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Soil and Crop Science

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Speech and Debate

Speech and Debate
Team Captain

Speech and Debate
Interpretation Captain

STATE OF BEING

I grew up in Colorado and came from a farming and ranching family. My dad came from a farm in northern Pennsylvania and my mom came from a family ranch in Western Colorado. While I wasn't raised in either setting, both backgrounds are important to me. While my dad's farm is no longer around, I have helped a family my mom knew as a child with cattle branding. I was so grateful that I was able to take part in something my mom and her family had to do every year. She sadly passed away in 2012 but being on a neighboring ranch and doing what she had to do really made me appreciate agriculture and made me feel closer to her. My parents never finished college so being the first in my family to get my degree in agricultural sciences means a lot to me. I first got into soil and crop science thanks to a biology class. I was introduced to plant genetics and how different soils affect plants and it really grabbed my attention! I enjoy working on projects like this and being able to help others when they don't understand the topic. I hope to be able to surround myself with ag science related clubs and other groups while attending CSU and even after I graduate.

STATE OF DREAMS

I choose to major in Soil and Crop Science after I learned about plant genetics and different types of soil in my 7th grade biology class. I knew then that I wanted to study this in college. After Graduation, I hope to take everything that I have learned and apply it to my dream of creating drought resistant crops and finding a way to help soil retain water. With changing times, I am sure that these goals of mine will be a big help to society.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for taking me under consideration and accepting me for this scholarship. I'm extremely grateful for this opportunity and I know that it will be able help me succeed at CSU. You have given me more than a scholarship, you have give me another reason to stay motivated so that I can do the absolute best I can so that I can show others the type of work I can produce. Your gift has made me even more excited to begin my college journey!



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Mia Campbell for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Mia is a Freshman from Texas.



STATE OF BEING

I was born in Rota, Spain before moving to Laredo, Texas and later San Antonio. My first language is Spanish, however, I learned English after starting school in the states. My father is in the Navy and despite being deployed for much of my youth we still have a strong bond. My dad would do his best to show me the natural world and we maintained a garden together when he would come home, this fostered my love of horticulture and has led to my pursuit of education in the field. My mother raised me as a single parent, taught me independence, and helped me to cultivate a hard working and driven attitude towards my passions. She is the first of my family to get a college education. Both of my parents are happily remarried and I have gotten to experience different cultures through this. I love trying new things, traveling, and learning.

STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Environmental
Horticulture Floriculture

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Model United Nations

Summa cum laude

Viola (first chair)

Gardening

Herpetology

Volunteer work

STATE OF DREAMS

Later in life I hope to open a nursery and coffee shop to bring people back to connecting with the land as well as their food in this increasingly technological world. Community involvement is very important and through this I can promote more sustainable lifestyles.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to further my education and helping me to reach my goals. Your contribution is invaluable and has created a better learning environment for myself and others. Thank you for all you do and for continuing to support students like me.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Po Cathcart for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Pomaikai is a Senior from Hawaii.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

B.S., Soil and Crop
Sciences Minor, Soil
Conservation and
Restoration

EXTRACURRICULAR:

M.A.N.R.R.S Club

Member WUE Transfer
Scholar

University of Hawaii at
Hilo Chancellor's
Scholar

STATE OF BEING

I am originally from Kahului, Maui and grew up in a family of five. My dad is a retired cafeteria manager, my mom is a teacher, my oldest sister is an Air Force veteran and my other sister is a recent CSU alumni. I have a passion for community service, sustainable farming and environmental stewardship.

STATE OF DREAMS

My goal is to ultimately obtain a career in soil conservation. With future changes coming to my island's valley, I hope to be a part of those agricultural projects and protect this natural resource.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for selecting me to receive this award. I appreciate any financial assistance that helps fund my degree. This scholarship will allow me to better focus on my academics and dedicate more time to my studies.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Emily Clausen for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Emily is a Freshman from California.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Horticulture Major
Floriculture
Concentration

EXTRACURRICULAR:

CSU's Horticulture Club

CSU's Club Women
Lacrosse Team

Highschool Honor Roll

STATE OF BEING

My family does not come from an agricultural background, yet after a couple years of 4h I found myself developing a strong love for agriculture. Once I reached high school I joined my school's FFA chapter, and realized that this was the career path I wanted to take. I fell in love with agriculture and the agricultural world after meeting so many people who genuinely like their jobs and were proud of the work they did. It's important to me that I am happy within my career and that's why I am pursuing a horticulture degree.

STATE OF DREAMS

Through my degree in horticulture and minor in agricultural business I am hoping to pursue greenhouse management of horticultural crops. In the coming years I am looking forward to taking courses on plant propagation and hydroponics and learning if those might be possible careers for me. There is so many different opportunities available in agriculture that I hope to explore, as well as at CSU. In the coming years I am looking forward to getting more involved with the agriculture projects and hopefully being apart of the CSU annual trial gardens.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for your generosity and support towards Colorado State University students. It is so generous of Nutrien to continue to support aspiring agriculturists in their educational pursuits. The gift is greatly appreciated and will assist me in accomplishing my horticulture degree and minor in agriculture business before moving on to pursue a career within greenhouse management.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Micaela Fenton for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Micaela is a Sophomore from Colorado.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Soil Crop Science Civil
Engineering

EXTRACURRICULAR:

College of Agriculture
Ambassador

Colorado State FFA
Vice President

Syngenta Regional
Essay Winner

STATE OF BEING

When I tell people that I grew up in Greeley, CO they usually ask “How do you get used to the smell?” What they are referring to is the livestock industry that vibrantly supports my hometown. I never grew up in agriculture in fact, my dad was an Iron Worker, my mom was a CNA and I was the oldest of two younger siblings. Yet the responsibility of taking care of others and being surrounded by agriculture in a such a diverse town informed my desire of having a career based in stewardship. Coming to college as a first generation agricultural student was intimidating because I had no background in college or first-hand agriculture experience. But, where I found the purpose and the drive needed to be successful was around feeding, clothing, and providing accessible water to all. The idea of serving others, being apart of something greater than yourself, a few hikes here and there, restoring antique furniture, painting, spending quality time with family and friends is what keeps me grounded in the pursuit of my dreams.

STATE OF DREAMS

The crisis of having enough natural resources for all needed industries is critical. Recognizing this need I see my own ability to defend those agriculturalists who are doing their part to feed the growing world population. I also see the need to first learn how to be most effective and efficient with the water given before pulling more from already scarce sources.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Your contribution creates accessibly that is pivotal for students, like me, who work diligently for a well rounded education. This education is balanced with extracurricular opportunities, coursework, and work. Without support like yours, that balance would be more focused on working to afford the chance to go to school. My balance consists of pursuing a dual major in Soil Crop Science and Civil Engineering, participating on campus and in the local communities, and working for the College of Agriculture. My dream is to work in hydrological and geotechnical fields to gain transferable skills to attend law school for water law. My goal is to help solve the water crisis that’s hurting industries across the US. Your support helps me aim for balance in gaining the needed experience and knowledge to achieve that inspiring task.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Severina Flaherty for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Severina is a Junior from Colorado.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Major in Environmental Horticulture
Concentration in Landscape Design and Contracting

EXTRACURRICULAR:

VP, Community Service: National Society of Collegiate Scholars

CSU Chapter Active Member: Gamma Beta Phi

CSU Chapter Volunteer: The Gardens on Spring Creek

Dean's List

STATE OF BEING

I am a first generation non-traditional student, and I inherited my name from my paternal grandmother who immigrated from the Philippines in the 1940's. Born in California, I grew up in the Sierra Nevada mountains and could often be found outdoors or immersed in a good book. My passions include, but are not limited to: nature, community, learning, and adventure. I have always loved being involved in the community, and have continued to do so by joining multiple honors organizations that are dedicated to community service. My free time is often split between my hobbies and passions.

STATE OF DREAMS

My goal is to provide places for communities to "lay down roots", both literally and figuratively, by using the skills and resources accessible through CSU to start my own landscape design company. My love of nature, along with the passion I have for improving the world, can both be cultivated while designing beautiful areas for people and nature to flourish together. With the proper conviction, support, and resources, I believe that my goals and aspirations for a better collective future can be accomplished.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you, Nutrien, for providing the opportunity to advance toward my goal of earning a degree that will ultimately be used for community development and well-being. As a landscape design and contracting student, my goal is to give my best effort toward completing the degree program with the knowledge and network required to build a career as a professional. As a landscape designer and contractor, my career goal will be to promote and provide spaces for communities to reconnect with nature, themselves, and each other. Your generosity has given me reassurance and peace-of-mind to continue striving toward these education and career goals. With the scholarship award, I can rest assured knowing that my efforts can continue undiminished by the need for supplementary income. Thank you again for selecting me to be the recipient of your award and for your recognition of my achievements, I truly appreciate Nutrien's contribution toward achieving my dreams.



NUTRIEN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Joseph Headlee for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Joseph is a Junior from Colorado.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Soil and crop science;
Agriculture business

STATE OF BEING

I am a junior at CSU working on my Bachelors degree in Soil and Crop Science as well as Ag Business. I attended Swink School District from Kindergarten until graduation in 2017. Swink is a small town located in south eastern Colorado with a population of about 700. After that I went to Otero Junior College in La Junta, Colorado as a first generation student, where I earned my Associate of Science with an emphasis on Soil and Crop Science. Im the sixth generation to take charge of my family's farm and ranch but before I continue running it i would like to complete my bachelor's degree in soil and crop science along with agricultural business with hopes to continue so I may earn my masters degree.

STATE OF DREAMS

After I acquire my Master's Degree in soil and crop science and agricultural business, I plan on coming back to the Arkansas Valley in Southeast Colorado to manage and functionally operate my family's farm. I plan on extended the operation statewide using the knowledge and skills I receive at CSU. While operating the farm I hope to develop programs to educate the states youth on farming and food sources. I intend to help the economy both in my home and the state by developing job opportunities through the educational programs and the farm operations while also providing a sustainable food supply for our communities.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you for awarding me this scholarship. Because I have received this award, I will be able to move on to the required courses to fulfill my life long goals of completing my bachelor's degree and work on my masters without having to worry about my financial situation while attending Colorado State University



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Blake Jackson for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Blake is a Senior from California.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Major: Agriculture
Business Concentration:
Agriculture Economics
Minor: Environmental
Policy Analysis

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Outstanding Junior
(DARE Department)

2019 Fulbright UK
Summer Institute
Scholar

2019 Ag Ambassador

Ag Adventure Planning
Committee Member

CSU Collegiate Farm
Bureau Vice President

University Honors
Program Peer Mentor

STATE OF BEING

My name is Blake Jackson and I am originally from Lakeside, CA. My passion for agriculture is rooted in my past involvement with 4H and FFA where I had the opportunity to serve leadership roles, raise livestock and crop projects, and to compete in numerous career development events. I chose to move to Colorado and attend CSU due to the feeling of community I found here and the belief that this was an environment I could truly thrive in. In my spare time I enjoy camping, fishing, and hiking.

STATE OF DREAMS

This fall I will be applying to numerous law schools in the region including, the University of Denver, the University of Wyoming, UC Davis, and others. I hope to earn a JD and focus on issues related to agricultural water in the west or other legal issues related to agriculture. I would love to stay in Northern Colorado to practice law and look forward to working with this complex issue facing our society.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

I would like to humbly express my gratitude. We are incredibly fortunate to know that our community is so invested in the success of future ram alumni as we prepare to become leaders within our respective industry. Personally, this scholarship represents a source of encouragement and support as I continue my educational journey. They have helped to minimize the financial stress of my undergraduate education to the point that I am able to consider post-graduate education. This fall I will be applying to law schools with the hope that I can take my passion for agriculture with me to a legal career. This would not be possible without the countless individuals and organizations that have invested in me and I hope that one day I will be able to return the favor. Thank you, and GO RAMS!

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Caitlin Jackson for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Caitlin is a Sophomore from Missouri.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Major: Horticulture
Minor: Botany
Concentration:
Floriculture

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Horticulture club

Gamma Beta Phi

Honors Society First
generation student
organization

STATE OF BEING

I'm from St. Louis, Missouri, born and raised. Because I have lived in a city my whole life, my access to the horticulture lifestyle was limited. I was lucky enough to live right by the Missouri Botanical Gardens, and that was where I got the inspiration to seek out the future career I've chosen. When I went to the botanical gardens, I always felt like I'd entered another world that I never wanted to leave, and I want the opportunity to surround myself with that feeling for the rest of my life. I am a first generation college student, and my family has worked very hard to get to where they are now, but I know that I can be better with a college education. It's very hard to get out of the poverty of St. Louis, but I worked hard throughout high school to get to where I am now and I plant to continue to work hard. I want to set a standard for my younger sister and show her that it is possible to succeed and that she is just as good, if not, better than me. I do what I do for my family and my hometown.

STATE OF DREAMS

My career objectives are to benefit my community and other struggling communities throughout the country. I believe that plants and nature are beautiful things that can bring people together as a community and promote peace. St. Louis is the number one most dangerous city in America, it's a beautiful and violent city and I always see potential in it that some people may not see. One of the best things to make a place more beautiful and to make a more connected community is to work together to create something beautiful. I want to start a line of city gardens that anyone can access, and everyone can take part in. It's my hope that this will be a catalyst for more peace and more beauty in my city, and possibly stand as an example for other cities throughout the country.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for what you've done for me, it truly means the world. Going out of state was a big decision, but I feel like I've fallen in love with this school and you doing this for me helps to keep me in the school I love. Colorado State University will provide me with the best education and will give me the best opportunities for when I graduate, and I'm proud to say I'm a student here. Thank you for being another support for me.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Ariel Lepard for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Ariel is a Junior from Colorado.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Horticulture Major with
a concentration in
Business Management

EXTRACURRICULAR:

I am on the CSU Cheer
team for the past three
years

STATE OF BEING

I grew up in New Mexico with my Mom and two brothers, and I was not living in a very ideal situation. After many different situations my aunt decided it was no longer safe for me to live with my mom and I moved up to Colorado with her. She helped me in every way she could to provide a much better life and I wouldn't be here today without her. I am now able to attend CSU through not only all the wonderful scholarships, but also with my Aunts support.

STATE OF DREAMS

I want to eventually help with the project management and legality of producing GMO's that help third world countries with vitamin deficiencies like "Golden Rice". GMO's have gotten a very bad reputation based on false studies, and they actually have the ability to help a lot of citizens that can't access as much food as they need. So we could help enhance the crops they know how to grow and cultivate that provides them with more nutrients and vitamins that they need to prevent diseases, and illnesses. I am mainly interesting in working for the International Rice Research Institute.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

I would not be able to attend college at Colorado State or an university if it wasn't for scholarships like this one. I thank you so much for being apart of my journey and helping me achieve all that I want to do to help further the agricultural field of study.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Jordan Lobato for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Jordan is a Junior from Colorado.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Agricultural Business,
Agricultural Economics
Concentration;
Environmental and
Natural Resource
Economics

EXTRACURRICULAR:

CSU Ag Ambassador

CSU Collegiate Farm
Bureau - President

Premier Farm Credit
Student Board of
Directors

CSU Honors Program

Dept. of Agricultural and
Resource Economics
Outstanding Sophomore
Award

Ag Adventure at the
NWSS Student
Coordinator

STATE OF BEING

I hail from Center, Colorado, a small town in the San Luis Valley. I developed a passion for agriculture early on by working on my family's beef cattle ranch. My brother and I participated in 4-H for several years, showing steers and heifers across Colorado. I chose Colorado State because of its deep connection with agriculture. Attending this school has allowed me to stay in Colorado while receiving practical experience in areas of agriculture that I am less familiar with.

STATE OF DREAMS

Agriculture has always been a part of my life, and I did not want that to change when I started my first year of college. That is why I chose to major in agricultural business with a concentration in economics. This has allowed me to explore various aspects of the industry through an economic lens. After I graduate, I plan to attend law school. My dream is to be an ally to farmers and ranchers dealing with legal issues related to water and natural resources.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

I am so grateful to have received this award. Thank you for your investment and belief in my future. It is because of people and organizations like you that make my dream of being a first generation college graduate possible. Your generous gift has given me the freedom to focus on my education and has lessened my financial burden.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Maddie Malone for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Madison is a Senior from Kansas.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Soil Restoration and Conservation

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Agronomy Club

STATE OF BEING

I grew up in the Kansas City metropolitan area, with a small but tight-knit family. I am a first generation student, and my parents have always been my biggest supporters in my quest of knowledge. I have strong leadership qualities and began my studies in business administration. Soon after, I discovered my passion in plants and came to CSU. In my free time I enjoy making art and exploring the mountains.

STATE OF DREAMS

I have experienced many areas of the agricultural industry including horticultural greenhouses, landscape soils, landscape management, and plant breeding. I hope to combine my wide variety of skills and contribute to implementing more sustainable ways to approach agriculture. I plan to bring new ideas and initiatives in any job environment I am a part of.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

I am so grateful for the scholarships I have received throughout my college career. They have helped ease the financial burden of university, and they have made me feel honored and motivated to continue my success. I want to sincerely thank you for your gift. I am ecstatic to be finishing my last months at CSU with the support of you!

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Christopher Marquez for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Christopher is a Sophomore from New Mexico.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Horticulture Major,
Floriculture
Concentration

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Horticulture Club -
Treasurer

STATE OF BEING

I am from Las Cruces, New Mexico. My father's side is Hispanic, and he was the first generation born in the United States. I joined the Navy in 1996 in order to give myself better opportunities in life, and served for 21 years, retiring as a Senior Chief. I was a medical provider in the Navy, but now that I am retired, I have decided to pursue my passion for horticulture and growing food in alternative growing environments.

STATE OF DREAMS

My ultimate, if somewhat idealistic goal, is to teach people all over the world how to grow their own healthy food, regardless of the climate or natural environment, using alternative and controlled growing environments. I am passionate about the conservation and responsible use of water, and so am focused on expanding the use of low-water growing methods.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship gift. I am married, with a beautiful two year old son. This money will help to support my family while I am in school, and will allow me to spend much needed quality time with them instead of working in addition to school. It will also help to alleviate stress, which will enable me to focus on my education and career. As a military veteran, and the first generation of my family to attend college, this scholarship also helps to validate and encourage me that this is in fact the best thing I can do for myself and my family. Thank you again, this is very meaningful.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Laura Moore for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Laura is a Sophomore from Texas.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Soil and Crop Sciences major; Organic Agriculture minor

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Rock climbing

White water kayaking

Mountain biking

Backpacking

Snowboarding

Cello

Piano

Hunter/Jumper

Horseback riding

Kickboxing

STATE OF BEING

I faced severe mental health and drug addiction challenges as a teenager. I was taken out of eighth grade and spent my teenage years going in and out of hospitals and the juvenile justice system. I managed to graduate high school through an alternative high school, but by the time I was 18, I had no idea who I was or what I wanted in life. I ended up getting the opportunity to work on a farm and fell in love with agriculture. I developed a passion for farm work, which completely changed my life. I have been sober and medication-free for over 6 years and have been intentional about making my life feel purposeful and fulfilling. I have spent the last 5-6 years traveling working on farms and for different non-profit organizations. My dream has been to find ways to combine agriculture and mental health, as I believe that my personal experience can have a profound impact on the lives of others. I ended up spending two years working at a residential treatment program that uses farming as a form of therapy and discovered the field of horticultural therapy. I made the decision to return to school last semester to pursue horticultural therapy and am now pursuing both that and soil and crop sciences. I have already become very involved in school and have recently taken over the "Everybody Eats Garden", which is a garden on campus designed to grow food for students experiencing food insecurity. I participated in a horticulture competition this fall semester with CSU and was voted to be head chair of the competition for next year. I am incredibly active and spend all of my spare time in the outdoors. I also have been playing the piano since I was five and the cello since I was twelve. I am looking forward to next semester and seeing where my passions continue to take me!

STATE OF DREAMS

In addition to wanting to be a Horticultural Therapist, I hope to impact the world by helping farmers find new, innovative solutions that preserve soil quality and prevent degradation. I am considering a career in soil consulting with a focus on soil restoration in large scale agriculture.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

I cannot express enough how grateful I am to have been awarded this scholarship. My father passed away this May from Alzheimer's disease and my mom has had significant financial stress due to all of his medical bills. She is helping me as much as she can, but this has been a challenging year. I am an adult learner and am passionate about what I am now studying in school, therefore I will continue to put my heart into my school work and make sure that this money is well used. Thank you so much for your incredible generosity.

NUTRIEN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Lucille Rollins for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Maria is a Junior from Idaho.



STATE OF BEING

I didn't grow up on a farm, but my family lived in communities supported by agricultural enterprise. My sisters and I spent most of our childhood in the valley of a rural Idaho town surrounded by cattle ranches. Our family also lived in the Philippines, my mom's homeland, for three years. There we lived in towns bridged by rice fields and we spent time on weekends in open markets buying fresh fish and vegetables. These places exposed me to the sights, sounds and smells of agricultural life and I have had a connection to it ever since. For that reason, I am committed to serving and strengthening agricultural communities. Outside of class, I am a member of the CSU Soil Judging Team and serve as an officer in the CSU Agronomy Club. I spend other free time exploring the outdoors around town or at home cooking and eating!

STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Major: Soil and Crop Sciences
Concentration: Soil Ecology
Minor: Organic Agriculture

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Soil Judging Team, Competitor and Ag Council Representative

Agronomy Club, Officer

Team CFVGA, Event Volunteer

Tau Sigma National Honor Society Inductee

Dean's List, Colorado State University

President's List, Arapahoe Community College

STATE OF DREAMS

My long-term plan is to leverage my professional experience in the agricultural industry from the next 10 years to found an urban land management company focusing on perennial native and edible landscapes in residential spaces. The loss of natural habitat to urbanization and climate change mandates bridging the gap between advancements in agricultural science and practices in food production and urban land management.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for your financial support as I pursue my academic and professional goals at Colorado State University. Your support enables me to invest my free time in activities that sustain my growth as a student, community member and professional in the sciences.

NUTRIEN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Angelina Roman for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Angelina is a Freshman from Tennessee.



STATE OF DREAMS

Before I ever even started high school, horticulture had peaked my interest. I was lucky enough to be one of the few from my school who were selected to tour the high school because of my academic achievements. On the tour, my group passed by the horticulture room. The classroom was tucked away, almost hidden in a small corner far from most of the other classrooms. It was overlooked by the rest of the group, but immediately caught my attention.

A few years later, I signed up to take the class and absolutely fell in love with what I was learning. The care of plants, growing from seeds and cuttings, proper watering techniques, every miniscule detail that bored the rest of the class excited me. I decided then that it was what I wanted to do, and that it was what I wanted to have a career in one day for that exact reason. I loved it so much that it never felt like work to me.

Although I may not have an exact solid idea of what career I would like to pursue in the field, I do know exactly why I want to study horticulture. I want to be able to have a job I am truly passionate about and genuinely enjoy doing, and I know Colorado State is the perfect way to get there. Between the incredible opportunities provided at the school's Trial Garden and the variety of classes available to help me narrow down exactly what I enjoy most, I am certain that there is no better place to earn a degree and learn about what I love.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you for your support and for believing in me. This scholarship means so much and is allowing me to pursue my dreams!

STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Horticulture;
concentration in
floriculture

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Hispanic Culture Club

Concert Choir

Encore Singers

Lacrosse

Spring Clean-Up

MLK Day of Service



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NUTRIEN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Omar Roman for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Omar is a Junior from Illinois.



STATE OF BEING

Even though I was born in Chicago, Illinois I prefer to call the town of Wiggins, Colorado home. I am a first generation student and it can be said that agriculture is in my blood. My passion in agriculture started when my parents would tell me about their way of life in their home country, Mexico. I decided to join FFA in high school and that is when I was sure that a career in agriculture was the right fit for me. I took a trip to the state of Morelos, Mexico last year where I saw the way my grandfather works the land. He is in his late 80s and the way he farms is different from what I am used to seeing here in the U.S. He depends on draft animals and does everything the old fashioned way, which is why I look up to him. During the summer I work on a dairy farm in Wiggins, Colorado where I help in the maternity barn.

STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Agricultural Business
Major; Horticulture
Minor

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Farm Bureau-Member

Distinguished Scholar
Award-Aims
Community College-
2019

STATE OF DREAMS

The reason I chose agriculture as a career path is because I feel the need to help feed the growing population. I am interested in finding new ways to grow food to supplement traditional methods. My current interests have become horticulture, and I am currently considering it as a minor. My plan is to make vertical farming practices more efficient. I hope to make an impact in providing food to everyone we share this world with.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for this scholarship! Agriculture is my passion and this scholarship will be a great help in pursuing that passion. It really means a lot to me.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Patty Vail for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Patricia is a Senior from Colorado.



STATE OF HONOR

ACADEMICS:

Soil & Crop Sciences

EXTRACURRICULAR:

Deans List, all semesters

Chair, Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board

2019-2020 Honors Society

Plant & Animal Genetics Conference, poster presentation, San Diego

2019 USDA-NIFA REEU, summer 2018

STATE OF BEING

I was born and raised in Colorado. I am a first generation college student, however my sister has received a masters degree in Psychology and is a practicing therapist. My mother passed away when I was 23, which led me down a path of drug and alcohol addiction. Through family and personal therapy, and a commitment to Narcotics Anonymous, I now have been clean for five and a half years and maintain a 4.0 GPA. I am also an avid runner, and participate in several races throughout the year.

STATE OF DREAMS

I am committed to pursuing a higher level (masters or PHD) degree in plant biology. I am grateful to be studying modern biology when genomic tools have made such a great impact. The accessibility of these tools has been instrumental to my understanding of how plants can address our unique intersection of challenges from population demands, climate change, shrinking agricultural land and waning biodiversity. The responsibility to advance research in an ethical, sustainable and efficient way, lay upon the next generation of scientists. I intend to be among them.

STATE OF GRATITUDE

Receiving recognition in the form of this scholarship has given me the motivation that my commitment to excellence is indeed rewarding. Thank you. Returning to school as an adult to follow my passion of plant biology, has come with both financial and technical challenges. The support I am receiving is allowing me to solidify my plans to pursue a masters degree in plant genetics. I look forward to contributing practical solutions to the agricultural problems that our world will face over the next thirty years. Again, thank you for recognizing my efforts, and I surely will pay this forward many times over throughout my career.



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