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Joseph Lieber Memorial Cooperative Scholarship
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MANHATTAN, Kan. – Joe Lieber contributed to cooperative organization, education and development for many years and was a respected leader in the co-op community and served as Executive Vice-President then President and CEO of the Kansas Cooperative Council from 1986 - 2003. Sadly, Joe passed away in January 2003 and the loss was felt through-out the co-op community. As a tribute to his enthusiasm for cooperative education, the Joseph Lieber Memorial Cooperative Scholarship was established by his family and the Kansas Cooperative Council and awarded for the first time in 2005-2006.

Casey Cook of Johnson, Kansas, was selected to be the 2008-2009 recipient of the scholarship through a screening of applicants to select finalists who were then interviewed by a selection committee.

Casey is a junior at K-State, majoring in Agricultural Economics and Accounting with a minor in Statistics. Casey works as the Office Manager in the Office of Local Government and as a Financial Advisor Assistant with Western Kansas Consulting. In addition, he works as a high school basketball official. Casey is serving as the President of K-State Roteract, participated on an agricultural study abroad program to Australia/New Zealand, and is a member of Chimes Junior Honorary Club. Casey grew up in western Kansas where his parents own a cow/calf operation. After graduation, he hopes to pursue a career as an economist, accountant, or banker. The family is affiliated with Johnson Co-op Grain Co. in Johnson, KS and Pioneer Electric Cooperative in Ulysses, KS.

“The scholarship was established to perpetuate the memory of the contribution of Joseph Lieber to the development and leadership of cooperative businesses, to encourage an interest in the formation, operation, management, leadership, economics of, and participation in all types of cooperatives, including agricultural, financial, electric, telephone, housing and consumer cooperatives,” said Professor David Barton, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. “It’s also to provide significant financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in educational programs emphasizing these areas of study.”

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be either a junior or senior in K-State’s College of Agriculture at the time the scholarship is received, and be affiliated as a member or as a child or dependent of a member of a Kansas agricultural marketing, supply, or service cooperative that is a member of the Kansas Cooperative Council.

The Arthur Capper Cooperative Center provides research-based information, education, and assistance to people with an interest in cooperative businesses, including cooperative members, directors, managers, and employees. The Center also works with students and faculty at educational institutions, the general public, and public officials as well as owners, directors, managers, and employees of

agribusinesses.

Previous scholarship recipients include: Dustin Oswald of Effingham, KS, and Tina Krafft, Phillipsburg, KS.

The Lieber scholarship was funded by contributions made to the Center's endowment fund with the KSU Foundation. Contributions have been made by the Kansas Cooperative Council and the Lieber family and friends in the cooperative community.

"Additional contributions by those who want to honor the memory of Joseph Lieber and support the purposes of the scholarship are welcome," Barton said. They should be made payable to "KSU Foundation/ACCC/ Lieber" and sent to the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center, Department of Agricultural Economics, 305 Waters Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Further information can be obtained about this scholarship or about establishing additional scholarships by contacting David Barton at the same address or e-mailing, dbarton@ksu.edu.

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