

Summer 2026

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MEDINA COUNTY



The Medina Ag-Advantage: Member Bonus Program

Applications are available through a form on medinafb.org (*preferred*) or members can apply over the phone at 330-263-7456.

The deadline to apply is **Monday July 27 at 4 PM.**

Medina County Farm Bureau is pleased to present The Medina Ag-Advantage: Member Bonus Program. Our goal of this program is to give back to the children of our members and recognize their hard work in completing a Jr Fair project. One financial contribution will be made per eligible child, regardless of the number of Jr Fair entries that they may have.

Medina County Farm Bureau members are invited to complete one application per child. All Jr Fair projects are eligible for the bonus - not just market projects. Applications are available through a form on medinafb.org (*preferred*) or members can apply over the phone at 330-263-7456.

Info required to register:
Farm Bureau Member ID#
Parent name
Child name
List of 2026 Jr Fair projects

The deadline to apply is Monday July 27 at 4 PM. The bonus will be distributed as an "add on" donation through the junior fair auction and will be included in the exhibitor's check after the fair.

Medina Co Farm Bureau Seeking Trustee Candidates

The nominating committee is currently accepting nominations for trustee candidates whose elections would take place at the annual meeting in September.

Benefits/Opportunities:

- Service as a trustee gives you the ability to serve as a voice for your township, district and county on agricultural and community-related issues.
- Networking with other trustees across the county and members as well as public officials. Several opportunities throughout the year to network with other trustees within the district (Wayne, Ashland, and Summit counties).
- Leadership development opportunities - access to opportunities to grow in leadership development such as advocacy at the local, state, and national level.
- Service as a trustee gives you the opportunity to better understand the Farm Bureau Federation and its member benefits.
- Service as a trustee is a great resume builder!

Basic expectations:

- Individual needs to be a member of Medina County Farm Bureau.
- Board service would begin at the October 26, 2026 board meeting.
- Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month around 7 PM at Lafayette Township Hall (no board meeting the month of May, Sept (due to the annual meeting) and December). Meetings typically last 1.5 - 2 hours.
- Board members are not expected to attend every meeting but are expected to attend the majority.
- In addition to providing input at board meetings, board members are asked to participate in 1 ad hoc committee and 1 event committee. Time spent on committees vary by committee but, generally, take 2-4 hours.
- The term of service is 3 years with the option to rerun for a second 3 year term.

Interested in nominating yourself or another member? Please call our office or reach out to a MCFB trustee to share your recommendation by Aug 1.

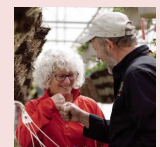
Growing Tomorrow Grant - Application deadline of July 31

This grant is the brainchild of Mike Boyert, a former Ohio Farm Bureau board trustee, and his wife Patti. Mike and Patti, residents of Medina County, remember well the struggles they encountered when they started their farming careers, and the difficulties they faced in starting, growing, and sustaining their farming business. The Growing Tomorrow Grant program is Mike and Patti's way of ensuring that creative young farmers can access opportunities they did not have, and enabling these young professionals to use their skills to alleviate the difficulties facing agriculture today, including a lack of public education regarding the importance of farms within the US food system and the significant economic hardships facing rural communities and farm workers.

Who is eligible? Young professionals and entrepreneurs who are looking to secure startup funds for a new business or seeking funds to enhance the impact of an existing business are encouraged to apply! Grant recipients should have a solid business plan and sustainable solution to one or more of the four challenges listed above. Please review the detailed requirements to apply for this grant at ofbf.org/foundation.

What are the size of the grants awarded?

The Growing Tomorrow Grant program intends to award up to \$100,000 among the top finalists in late 2026. For questions regarding the Growing Tomorrow Grant, please contact Ohio Farm Bureau at thicks@ofbf.org.



2026 Scholarship Recipients



Alan Kronk- Alan is the son of Susan and Greg Kronk of Medina and is a 2026 graduate of Medina High School. Alan plans to pursue a degree in horticulture. "I am especially interested in being part of this next generation of agricultural leaders. I hope to apply my education and passion to not only grow within the field of horticulture, but also contribute to sustaining family farms."

Interesting fact: In addition to horticulture, Alan is a musician and is active within Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and String Orchestra.



Chloe Howard - Chloe is the daughter of PJ and Christina Howard of Spencer. She currently attends The Ohio State University. Chloe anticipates graduating with a degree in Agricultural Engineering with a specialization in Ecology in May 2027.

Interesting fact: Chloe served as an Ohio FFA State Officer from May 2023-2024 and had the opportunity to travel to Australia to learn about agricultural sustainability practices.



Peter Howard- Peter is the son of PJ and Christina Howard of Spencer and is a 2026 graduate of Black River High School/ Medina County Career Center. Peter plans to build on the skills he has learned in the Medina County Career Center Diesel Mechanics program "preparing for a career that directly supports the success and sustainability of Ohio's farming operations."

Interesting fact: Peter exhibited the Grand Champion Lorain County Market Hog in 2020 and 2023.



Taylor Csanyi- Taylor is the daughter of Tom and Jen Csanyi of Medina. She currently attends The Ohio State University studying Health Sciences and Engineering Sciences. Her anticipated graduation date is May 2027.

Interesting fact: Taylor co-founded "Palette Pals" which is an OSU club that fosters inclusivity by bringing together students and individuals with developmental disabilities through painting nights.

TIG named 2026 Select Partner



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Nationwide is the #1 insurer of farms and ranches in the nation and is Ohio Farm Bureau's approved insurance and financial services provider. The following agencies are appointed with Nationwide and have been strong partners of your county Farm Bureau. Ohio Farm Bureau members receive a discount on some insurance products.



Cam Landes- Cam is the son of Jeremy and Wendy Landes of Medina and is a 2026 graduate of Buckeye High School. Cam plans to attend Bowling Green State University and study Business Analytics.

Interesting fact: Cam received a 4-Year First Team All-Academic Award.



Seth Hummel - Seth is the son of Stephen and Katie Hummel of Medina and a 2025 graduate of Highland High School. Seth currently attends The Ohio State University majoring in Agribusiness and Applied Economics with a minor in Agronomy.

Interesting fact: Seth completed a study abroad experience last December (Agriculture in the Dominican Republic).



Case Hummel- Case is the son of Stephen and Katie Hummel of Medina. Case currently attends Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI and studies Welding Engineering Technology with a minor in Leadership and Project Management. His anticipated graduation date is May 2028.

Interesting fact: Case was the overall winner of the welding competition at the Ohio State Fair in 2023 and 2024.

Upcoming Events

Season's Harvest - Aug 13

This year's farm to table dinner will be hosted by Risely Agricultural Center in Spencer and the meal will be prepared by Chef Cheyenne Nichols of Finest Cravings (Gordon Ramsey's 2022 Hell's Kitchen participant and highly recommended by Chefs John Kolar and Anthony Scolaro). Tickets are \$150/person and can be purchased at our website. Proceeds from this event will benefit Medina Co 4-H and FFA programs. We are in need of volunteers to assist with the following: 8/12 evening (set up tables and chairs), 8/13 1 PM (event set up), 8/13 5 PM (help serving and clearing tables) and 8/13 9 PM (tear down). If any of these service areas appeal to your interests or skill sets, we would greatly appreciate your help! If you are interested in helping, please call us or email medina@ofbf.org.



Twilight Dairy Tour - The Wayne/Ashland Dairy Service Unit has announced that there will not be a 2026 Twilight Tour but their intent is to have one in 2027.

Property Tax Educational Series

If you are interested in learning more about how property taxes, be sure to check out the property tax webinar series that Ohio Farm Bureau's Public Policy staff has provided to members. Recordings are available as well.

May 6: Property tax and Ohio Farm Bureau policy review
June 2: School Funding Overview
July 10: CAUV

Fair Kickoff Picnic - Aug 2

Medina County Farm Bureau invites 4-H exhibitors and advisors to the 5th annual Fair Kickoff Picnic located in the pavilion north of the show barn. Stop by anytime between 4 and 6 PM to grab a quick dinner. All Farm Bureau member families of livestock exhibitors are welcome. Non-member families are welcome with a donation.



Food available as long as supplies last. Want to help? Please keep an eye out for the July signup email or give us a call!

Medina County Fair - Aug 3 - Aug 9

Medina County Farm Bureau is excited to, once again, offer Agricultural Acre at this year's Medina County Fair! And we could use help from members! Sign up to help keep an eye on things in the tent as well as pass out ice cream for the scavenger hunt. The tent has hatching chicks, a lassoing station, corn box, milking cow (fiberglass) and more! Great for all ages!

Those signing up for a shift will be offered 1 of 2 options for a thank you item: either an admission pass OR a voucher for Rader's ice cream. If you want the admission pass, please provide your address when you sign up online (otherwise, you will have the opportunity to claim an ice cream voucher at the fair). Members will receive an email in July that will provide more detail about shifts and how to sign up. Members are also welcome to call the office.

Save the Date

Medina Co Jr Fair Livestock Auction

Fri, Aug 7: 6 PM

Rabbits and poultry

Sat, Aug 8: 9 AM

Goats, lambs, beef (feeders & finished), dairy beef (starters, lights, heavies, finished), hogs

2026 Annual Meeting

Date: Thurs, Sept 10

Location: Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative Community Room (1 Cooperative Way, Spencer)

Time: Dinner and social hour at 6:30 PM. Business meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

Full details will be provided in a postcard invitation later this summer.

Fall Foliage Tour

Date: Sat and Sun, Oct 10 and 11

Location: Wadsworth/Seville area

Time: 12 - 5 PM

Full details will be available soon at medinacountyparks.com

Ag Toy Drive

Date: Tues, Nov 24

Location: TBD

Time: 5:30 - 8 PM

Full details will be emailed to members in Nov. Details will also be at ofbf.org.

Thank you to our business partners!



Board of Trustees

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Make sure to save the date for the Medina County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on September 10!