



2023 COLLEGE *of* VETERINARY MEDICINE

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS





Welcome to the annual Awards and Scholarships Celebration!

In these pages you will find the names of outstanding students and generous donors. You will even learn a little bit about the students' passions and aspirations and about the donors' intentions.

Despite the fact that most of the scholarship givers have a few more decades of life experience than the scholarship recipients do, I think you will find that both groups have worked very hard to get to where they are in life. Both groups care deeply about animals, health, community, and altruism.

On behalf of the College of Veterinary Medicine, I extend our gratitude to all those we celebrate this day. Your efforts will have a great impact on the health and happiness of people and animals for years to come.

Peter Constable BVSc(Hons), MS, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN (Honorary)

Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

OUR MISSION

We educate future veterinarians and biomedical scientists, make discoveries that improve animal, human, and environmental health, facilitate production of a safe food supply, and deliver outstanding clinical care.

OUR VISION

We will be a pre-eminent public college of veterinary medicine, provide a transformative educational experience for our students, create and communicate knowledge that changes the world, deliver outstanding clinical service to our patients and clients, and pursue excellence in all our endeavors.



NEW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023

Dr. Steven Haase Endowed Scholarship

Criteria: To be determined

Sponsored by: Dr. Steven Haase

Magda Simopoulos Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Fund

Criteria: For any DVM student in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sponsored by: Magda Simopolous Trust

Dr. Deoki and Vidya Tripathy Scholarship Fund

Criteria: The recipient should be an outstanding graduate student who developed or improved a vaccine or diagnostic test for a pathogen using an innovative molecular approach. The awardee will be based upon publication(s) in a peer reviewed journal or publication(s) accepted for publication in a peer review journal.

Sponsored by: Dr. and Mrs. Tripathy

2023 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

AAHA Award for Proficiency in Primary Care

For a faculty-nominated fourth-year student who has demonstrated proficiency in primary care.

Sponsored by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)

Prem Patel

Prem is a fourth-year student from Jacksonville, Fla. His love for sports taught him to work hard in teams and inspire the people around him to exceed their goals. Prem is interested in small animal general practice, anesthesia, orthopedics/soft tissue surgery, and leadership in organized medicine. He absolutely loves forming bonds with people and their pets.

ACVIM Certificate of Clinical Excellence Award (Small and Large Animal Internal)

For a fourth-year veterinary student who demonstrates sincere interest in veterinary internal medicine as well as outstanding didactic and clinical expertise.

Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM)

Jamie Caroline Kelly Kries Kianna Taylor

Kelly, a fourth-year student from Marine, Ill., aims to combine laboratory animal medicine, pathology, and research in her future career. She is guided by an interest in comparative biology, translational medicine, and animal welfare and plans to pursue a residency after a brief hiatus to care for her grandparents in St. Louis.

Kianna, a fourth-year student, is in the joint DVM-master in public health degree program. She plans to complete an equine internship before entering general equine practice and pursuing her interests in equine internal medicine, sports medicine, and rehabilitation.

George H. Alexander Memorial Scholarship

For a student with background in the standardbred industry or an interest in practicing equine. Strong people and practice skills.

Sponsored by the George H. Alexander Memorial Endowment Fund

Abigail Spike

Abigail, a third-year student from Streamwood, Ill., is interested in equine medicine and surgery and hopes to pursue research and practice ownership. She plans to attend an equine-focused internship, followed by an equine surgery residency.

Michael E. and Irene M. Alkim/Joseph Kendzierski Scholarship

For a student with financial need.

Sponsored by the Michael E. and Irene M. Alkim/Joseph Kendzierski Scholarship Fund

Audrey Fox

Audrey, a second-year student, is originally from upstate New York. Audrey is pursuing a career in companion animal primary care and has special interests in dentistry, surgery, and canine rehabilitation.

American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology (AAVD)

For a fourth-year student that excels in clinical dermatology.

Sponsored by the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology (AAVD)

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American Association of Feline Practitioners' Student Award

For interest and accomplishments in feline medicine and surgery.

Sponsored by the American Association of Feline Practitioners

Ronald Johnson

Ronald, a fourth-year student from Geneva, Ill., is interested in small animal general practice and fear-free medicine. He plans to work at a cat-only practice in the future.

American College of Veterinary Pathologists

For a student proficient in pathology.

Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Pathology (ACVP)

Matthew Vardas

Matt, a fourth-year student from the southwest suburbs of Chicago, is interested in clinical pathology and zoo companion animal medicine. He enjoyed being part of the Wildlife Medical Clinic ambassador program and hopes to continue volunteering with wildlife. Following graduation, he will complete a small animal rotating internship at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

American College of Veterinary Radiology Award

For outstanding enthusiasm and understanding in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology.

Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Radiology (ACVR)

Andrea Roth

Andrea is a fourth-year, second-career student from Baltimore, Md. She is interested in diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology. She is pursuing a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

American College of Veterinary Surgeons Award

For both large and small animal academic and clinical proficiency in surgery and aptitude and interest in surgery.

Sponsored by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS)

Jamie Hart Tori Martin

Jamie is a fourth-year student from New York City with a strong interest in small animal surgery. She will be joining Friendship Hospital for Animals for a small animal rotating internship in June.

Tori, a fourth-year student from Alpharetta, Ga., is interested in equine medicine and surgery and is very eager to begin her internship year in Texas. She believes that her passion for horses along with her communication skills and love for connecting with people will allow her to make the veterinary experience positive for her clients and her patients.

Dr. Paul and Mary Jo Arndt/Wheaton Kennel Club Scholarship

For a student from DuPage County or a surrounding county who maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 and who demonstrates outstanding clinical aptitude, especially in small animal medicine and surgery.

Sponsored by the Dr. Paul and Mary Jo Arndt/Wheaton Kennel Club Scholarship Fund

Morgan Murray

Morgan, a fourth-year student from Frankfort, Ill., will return to the southwest suburbs of Chicago after graduation. She plans to pursue small animal general practice, possibly including pocket pets. Morgan is also passionate about urgent care and would love to find a way to incorporate it into her career.

Dr. Wes and Sheila Bieritz Scholarship

For an Illinois resident from Iroquois, Vermilion, or Edgar counties.

Sponsored by the Dr. Wes and Sheila Bieritz Scholarship Endowment Fund

Kira Conklin

Kira, a third-year student from Oakwood, Ill., has worked in small animal emergency medicine and has been involved in the equine industry for many years. She looks forward to a career that combines her interest in equine emergency and sports medicine and her passion for owner education.

Dr. Loyd E. Boley Scholarship

For a deserving CVM student.

Sponsored by the Dr. Loyd E. Boley Endowment Fund

Amanda Stiegal

Amanda, a fourth-year student from Wheaton, Ill., will care for dogs and cats at Alaska Veterinary Clinic in Anchorage after graduation. She also hopes to devote time to caring for large animals. She plans to continue pursuing her passions for working with sled dogs at local races and serving others by volunteering with Christian Veterinary Mission.

Bornsen Family Foundation Veterinary Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Bornsen Family Foundation

Abigail Bray Stephen Grisoli

Kara Scolman Meegan Snyman

Abby is a second-year student from East Windsor, Conn., interested in trauma management and providing care to pets and their families during difficult moments. Following graduation she hopes to complete a small animal rotating internship and possibly a residency in emergency and critical care.

Stephen, a second-year student from South Bend, Ind., is passionate about leadership, communication, and research, and enjoys the balance of medicine with compassionate care. After graduation, Stephen is interested in small animal practice ownership or a neurology residency.

Kara, a third-year student from Denver, Colo., has a master's degree from Colorado State University and has research experience in equine sports medicine. She plans to complete a small animal rotating internship after graduation and possibly specialize in neurology or cardiology.

Meegan is a second-year student from Rockford, Mich. She hopes to pursue emergency and critical care small animal medicine with an internship and residency. With over five years of experience as a veterinary assistant in general and emergency practices, she is excited to create a uniform, species-specific CPR protocol for emergency situations.

Dr. and Mrs. Wally Brandt Award

For interest in rural veterinary medicine.

Sponsored by the Dr. and Mrs. Wally Brandt Endowment Fund

Mackenzie Michels

Mackenzie, a fourth-year student from Noble, Ill., will join Three Rivers Veterinary Clinic in West Salem, Ill., in June as an associate veterinarian with ownership opportunities. She hopes to open a mixed animal clinic in Noble someday to offer affordable large animal and small ruminant reproductive services and small animal soft tissue/orthopedic surgeries.

Dr. Marcus L. Brown, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

For a rising fourth-year student from Southern Illinois with demonstrated interest in practicing small animal medicine.

Sponsored by the Marcus L. Brown, Jr. Endowment Fund

Mackenzie Wells

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Mary L. Brundage Scholarship

For a student from Winnebago County, interested in attending the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sponsored by the Mary L. Brundage Scholarship Endowment Fund

Will be awarded in 2024

Dr. Michael Buedel Award

For a student from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine who is participating in clinical rotation training at Illinois, with preference for those interested in managing and owning multiple practices.

Sponsored by Dr. Michael Buedel

Will be awarded in 2024

Dr. Casey Cadile Memorial Scholarship

For students interested in pursuing a specialization in oncology, who show perseverance and have a positive spirit.

Sponsored by the Dr. Casey Cadile Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

Anthony Mendoza

Anthony, a fourth-year student, was born in Chicago and grew up in Elmhurst, Ill. In 2017, he was diagnosed with Stage 4 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and has been in remission since undergoing chemotherapy. He looks forward to managing animal patients with cancer and being able to empathize with pet owners.

Alice C. and Robert C. Campbell Scholarship in Loving Memory of the Campbell Cats

The dean of the college awards these scholarships to incoming first-year students as part of their recruitment to Illinois.

Sponsored by the Alice C. and Robert C. Campbell Scholarship Fund in Loving Memory of the Campbell Cats

Will be awarded in 2024

Marvin T. and Carolyn B. Case Scholarship

For a student who ranks in the top half of the class, has good communication and people skills, and has an interest in a non-practice career such as academia, research, industry, or laboratory animal medicine.

Sponsored by the Dr. Marvin T. and Carolyn B. Case Endowment Fund

Marisa Pico

Marisa is a second-year student from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She completed a master's degree in marine science and oceanography before entering veterinary school and has published in this field. Her goals after graduation are to pursue an internship, then residency. She would like to be a clinical veterinarian in aquatic and zoological medicine while also contributing to research.

Chicago Veterinary Medical Association President’s Scholastic Award

Demonstrated achievement in small animal medicine and surgery. Student must be in good academic standing, demonstrate the need for financial assistance, continuous membership in SAVMA & CVMA, preference to students focusing on small animal practice.

Sponsored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association

Nicole Mann

Nicole, a fourth-year student from Belvidere, Ill., has accepted a position as a veterinarian at Valley Animal Hospital in Geneva, Ill., after graduation. Her interests include general practice, small animal medicine, and surgery. She is looking forward to the personal connections she will make with her clients and serving her community.

Chicago Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship

Demonstrated achievement in small animal medicine and surgery. Student must be in good academic standing, demonstrate the need for financial assistance, continuous membership in SAVMA & CVMA, preference to students focusing on small animal practice. Essay topic “How I hope to benefit the veterinary profession in the Chicagoland area after graduation.”

Sponsored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association

Melanie Narvaez

Melanie is a second-year student from the southside of Chicago, Ill. She is interested in small animal and zoo companion animal medicine, with the possibility of zoo medicine and emergency. Melanie would like one day to establish her own nonprofit mobile veterinary clinic to provide services to low-income communities in Chicago.

Stafford Clark-Price Memorial Feline Compassion Award

For a fourth-year student with demonstrated compassion and care towards feline patients.

Sponsored by Dr. Stuart C. Clark-Price and Ms. Erin Moon

Grace Rein

Alyssa, a fourth-year student originally from Frankfort, Ill., now lives in Lowell, Ind., with her husband, two dogs, horse, and three cats. She is especially interested in dentistry and surgery. She wants to help animals live healthier lives while supporting their human counterparts.

Class of 1952 Food Animal Scholarship

For strong interest in pursuing a career in large animal medicine or food animal medicine; preference is given to males who are Illinois residents.

Sponsored by the Class of 1952 Endowment Fund

Michael Reid Huffman

Class of 1954 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1954 Endowment Fund

Lindzie Nork

Lindzie is a first-year student from Batavia, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice and hopes to practice integrative medicine.

Class of 1955 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1955 Endowment Fund

Caroline Terry

Caroline is a third-year student from Lebanon, Tenn. She is interested in zoological medicine and pathology and hopes to find a way to combine the two in her career. She plans to apply for a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Class of 1956 Scholarship

For students active in food production medicine.

Sponsored by the Class of 1956 Endowment Fund

Courtney Wangler

Courtney, a third-year student, grew up on a dairy farm in West Branch, Mich., and plans to practice in rural Michigan. She spent the past few years working in swine research and completing externships focused on equine and dairy medicine, including a month-long rotation in Stephenville, Texas, at the Signature Equine Hospital. In her final year, she hopes to have rotations in bovine palpation and equine lameness.

Class of 1963 Scholarship

For high financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1963 Endowment Fund

Kaelan Harmes

Kaelan is a third-year student from Borden, Ind. She earned her bachelors at Purdue University, and completed her first year of veterinary school at Ross University before transferring to Illinois for the remainder of her degree. She is interested in mixed animal practice with the possibility of specializing in cardiology and one day going into academia.

Class of 1965 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1965 Endowment Fund

Nicholas Liszka

Nick is a second-year student from Cleveland, Ohio. He is interested in clinical zoological medicine and also research. Nick is heavily involved in the Wildlife Medical Clinic and Wildlife Epidemiology Laboratory and plans to use those experiences to pursue a board specialty in zoological medicine.

Class of 1969 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1969 Endowment Fund

Jacob Dalen

Jacob, a first-year student originally from Manhattan, Ill., is passionate about wildlife and conservation. He loves to work with the wildlife ambassador animals at the Wildlife Medical Clinic. After graduation, he will apply for a zoo medicine internship and residency program.

Class of 1970 Scholarship

For students in the top quarter of their class who demonstrate leadership in veterinary medicine related professional organization and have financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1970 Endowment Fund

Corrine Thomas

Corrine is a third-year student from Lexington, Ky. Her interests include small animal surgery, neurology, and oncology. She is an active participant in oncology research at the college, and she serves on the boards of the diagnostic imaging and behavior clubs because she is passionate about their roles in veterinary medicine. She plans to pursue internship and specialty certification following graduation.

Class of 1974 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1974 Endowment Fund

Hassan Hanna

Class of 1975 Scholarship

Given to the third-year student who demonstrates the greatest enthusiasm and devotion for veterinary medicine through personal actions and community deeds.

Sponsored by the Class of 1975 Endowment Fund

Class of 1976 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1976 Endowment Fund

Class of 1979 Scholarship/Janis Audin Memorial

For a third-year student who has emotional maturity and strong leadership and people skills, is in good academic standing, is involved with the student chapter of the AVMA; classmates vote to select five finalists, and winner is selected by the awards committee.

Sponsored by the Class of 1979 Endowment Fund and friends of Janis Audin

Class of 1983 Scholarship

Chosen based on a personal statement describing working relationships with practicing veterinarians, extracurricular activities, involvement with student organizations, and career goals; the student must also show financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1983 Endowment Fund

Veterinary Medicine Class of 1984 Award

To be used during the fourth-year for an animal-based externship anywhere in the United States, with preference given to a non-profit animal-based externship.

Sponsored by the Class of 1984 Endowment Fund

Class of 1987 Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Class of 1987 Endowment Fund

Class of 1988 Scholarship

For an Illinois resident who is a third- or fourth-year student, with preference given to those with financial need and academic merit.

Sponsored by the Class of 1988 Endowment Fund

Grace Wischmeyer

Grace is a third-year student from Franklin Park, Ill. Although she isn't quite sure of her career goals, she is planning to pursue a small animal rotating internship after graduation with the hopes of specializing. Grace is the third-year class representative, the president of two veterinary clubs, and the general manager of the 2023 SAVMA Symposium.

Amy Rawson

Amy is a first-year student from Punxsutawney, Pa. She is interested in shelter medicine and hopes to own and operate a low-cost mobile clinic in the future.

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Hannah Streams

Hannah, a second-year student from Mimbres, N.M., is interested in large animal ambulatory medicine, especially in the equine and dairy industries, just like her dad. She grew up showing livestock in 4-H and FFA and studied animal science at Oklahoma State University. Hannah hopes to work in a rural area after graduation.

Kayla Jett

Kayla is a third-year student from Plainfield, Ill. She hopes to pursue a residency in laboratory animal medicine that includes working with reptiles, pigs, and small mammals such as guinea pigs, rats, and mice. Her goal is to promote animal welfare in biomedical science.

Paige Meily

Paige is a third-year student from State College, Pa., and is interested in small animal general practice. After graduation she hopes to work in a small animal practice closer to her family.

Kelly Kries

Kelly, a fourth-year student from Marine, Ill., aims to combine laboratory animal medicine, pathology, and research in her future career. She is guided by an interest in comparative biology, translational medicine, and animal welfare and plans to pursue a residency after a brief hiatus to care for her grandparents in St. Louis.

Class of 1990 Scholarship

For financial need.

Sponsored by the Class of 1990 Endowment Fund

Arianna Boyll

Arianna is a second-year veterinary student that grew up in Indianapolis, but spent five years of life in Tampa, Fla. before moving to Illinois for veterinary school. She is interested in emergency medicine and mixed animal practice, and has the goal of opening her own mixed animal practice. She aspires to end up somewhere in the Appalachian mountains to provide affordable, all-species care to rural communities while also running her own horse and cattle farm. While navigating the rigors of veterinary school, she also works three separate jobs to support herself during her doctoral studies.

The Clinical Skills Learning Center Achievement Award

For a third-year student who passes the Objective Structured Clinical Examinations that are taken in the second and third years with the fewest number of skill components to be remediated.

Tess Cummings

Tess is a third-year student from Danforth, Ill. She is interested in pursuing a career in equine veterinary medicine and rural mixed animal practice. She plans on completing an equine internship following graduation and then practicing in a mixed animal practice with a large percentage of equine patients.

Loren Lee Cluster Scholarship

For a student with good academic standing and financial need who graduated from an Illinois high school and resides in Illinois.

Sponsored by the Loren Lee Cluster Endowment Fund

Jason Szumski Egle Tamulynas-Mendoza

Jason is a fourth-year student from Winfield, Ill. He is interested in leadership development, practice management, and small animal medicine. He will be working at Golf Rose Animal Hospital (a Mission Veterinary Partner's Hospital) in Schaumburg, Ill., after graduation.

Egle is a first-year student from Chicago, Ill. While interested in mixed animal practice, surgery, radiology, emergency and critical care, and behavior, she is open to many paths within the veterinary field. She enjoys teaching others as well as volunteering at animal shelters and the Wildlife Medical Clinic.

Dr. Beverly Y. Cockrell Memorial Scholarship

For a female student in good academic standing and financial need who has plans to pursue a career in research, preferably pathology.

Sponsored by the Dr. Beverly Y. Cockrell Memorial Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine Fund

Rachael Surowiec

Rachael is a third-year student from Buffalo, N.Y., and has a passion for pathology and diagnostics. She will be pursuing an anatomic pathology residency after graduation.

Lisa Ann Coole Memorial Scholarship

For demonstrated exceptional community service for animals or humans, volunteer activities, and academic performance.

Sponsored by the Lisa Ann Coole Memorial Endowment Fund

Brianna Moore Kelly Ward

Brianna, a first-year student from Dayton, Ohio, is interested in feline, shelter, and behavioral medicine. She wants to work in general practice and help clients understand their animals. She hopes to own a clinic and give back to the community by working with shelters for free spay/neuter and vaccine clinics.

Kelly, a third-year student from Glenview, Ill., is interested in general practice, emergency medicine, shelter medicine, and equine medicine. She is hoping to narrow down her passion through clinical rotations during her fourth-year and pursue a job in the Chicagoland or Washington, D.C., area after graduation.

Coyne Family Scholarship

For a third-year student with financial need, an interest in small animal medicine, and an interest in practice ownership and management.

Sponsored by the Coyne Family Endowment Fund

Evan Schwarz Amber Shoberg

Evan, a third-year student from Lake in the Hills, Ill., plans to pursue a specialty in small animal surgery. He enjoys communicating with clients to determine their wants, needs, and expectations. He also enjoys his two ferrets and hopes to incorporate exotic animals into his future practice.

Amber is a third-year student from Wheaton, Ill. She is interested in small animal medicine and zoological companion medicine and hopes to work in a general practice clinic that provides care for both traditional and non-traditional small animals.

Dr. Paul Davis and Dr. Karin Crocker Scholarship

Preference shall be given to students from the following counties in Illinois: Madison, St Clair, Bond, Clinton, Jersey, Washington, Marion, Macoupin, Montgomery, Fayette, Jefferson, Franklin, Randolph, Perry, Jackson, Williamson, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Wabash, Edwards, Wayne, Hamilton, White, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Pope, Hardin, Johnson, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, and Monroe. Additional preference shall be given to students who demonstrate a strong interest in general practice and surgery.

Sponsored by Dr. Paul Davis & Dr. Karin Crocker

Nora Buckingham

Nora, a third-year student from Clinton County, Ill., is interested in rural mixed practice and small ruminant medicine as well as sustainable livestock management, local food systems, and public health. She hopes to help support Illinois producers through client education and veterinary care.

Mary J. Demmon Private Foundation Scholarship

For students who demonstrate high academic performance and financial need and who have expressed an interest in the study of equine medicine and the health and feeding of horses.

Sponsored by the Mary J. Demmon Private Foundation

Rachel Keifer Hanna Seils

Rachel, a first-year student from Frederick, Md., is passionate about serving people by helping their animals. Even before arriving at the U of I she nourished that passion by participating in two foreign mission trips with Christian Veterinary Mission. She hopes her veterinary career will include mixed animal and equine medicine and a continued investment in local and international community service.

Hanna, a first-year student from Woodstock, Ill., has worked at an equine ER and sports medicine clinic for the past two years. While in veterinary school, she plans to use the summers to increase her small animal experience and explore her interest in small animal emergency medicine. Then she can make an educated decision about her eventual practice focus.

Dr. Richard E. Dierks Veterinary Alumni Scholarship

For academic achievement for financial need.

Sponsored by the Dr. Richard E. Dierks Endowment Fund

Amanda Predki

Amanda, a rising fourth-year student, who is from Glen Ellyn, Illinois. She is interested in small or mixed animal general practice, practice ownership, and teaching. Before clinics, Amanda was on the executive boards of Omega Tau Sigma, Christian Veterinary Mission, Illinois Chapter of SAVMA, and Ophthalmology Club. Her dream is to build her own clinic from the ground up, while mentoring the next generation of veterinarians.

Joan B. Dobrovolny Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

For a third-year student with an interest in small animal medicine and a high academic standing. Preference given to students who are Illinois residents.

Sponsored by the Joan B. Dobrovolny Endowment Fund

Amber Shoberg

Amber is a third-year student from Wheaton, Ill. She is interested in small animal medicine and zoological companion medicine and hopes to work in a general practice clinic that provides care for both traditional and non-traditional small animals.

Dr. Albert S. Dorn Award for Excellence in Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery

For excellence, competence, interest, and achievement in small animal dentistry and oral surgery.

Sponsored by the Albert S. Dorn Dentistry Award Fund

Erica Greene

Erica is a fourth-year student who enjoys dentistry, diagnostic imaging, surgery, and pain management. She plans to pursue specialty training in veterinary dentistry and oral surgery upon graduation.

Joseph L. Dornier Award for Excellence in Veterinary Clinical Pathology

For demonstrated expertise in the application of applied and interpretive aspects of clinical pathology principles in the senior clinical rotations.

Sponsored by the Dr. Joseph L. Dornier Endowment Fund

Caralee Stover

Caralee is a fourth-year student from northwest Ohio who will return to her hometown to provide previously unavailable services for exotic and food animal patients. She has special interests in preventative medicine, reptile and poultry medicine, and clinical pathology.

Belle M. Drake Memorial Scholarship

For a second- or third-year student with preference given to students who have participated in a 4-H program for a minimum of seven years.

Sponsored by the Belle M. Drake Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

Brandi Welch

Brandi is a third-year student from Aledo, Ill. She has an agricultural background and interests in mixed animal medicine with an emphasis in beef cattle and reproduction. Upon graduation, Brandi plans to return to her hometown to uphold a commitment to Illinois farmers.

Dr. and Mrs. Roger Dupuis Scholarship

For a third-year veterinary student with an interest in practicing small animal medicine and a special interest in quality feline medicine. Student should be born or raised in Kankakee or Ford County. Secondary preference may be given to a student from Grundy, Will, Iroquois, Livingston, McLean or Champaign counties.

Sponsored by Dr. Roger and Mrs. Jacqueline Dupuis

Grace Wischmeyer

Gracie is a third-year student from Franklin Park, Ill. Although she isn't quite sure of her career goals, she is planning to pursue a small animal rotating internship after graduation with the hopes of specializing. Gracie is the third-year class representative, the president of two veterinary clubs, and the general manager of the 2023 SAVMA Symposium.

Exceptional Care in Veterinary Medicine Award

For exemplary compassion when interacting with clients of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and strong interest in companion animals.

Sponsored by the Bernardoni Family

Emily Grzeda

Emily, a fourth-year student, will return to the Chicagoland area to practice small animal and companion zoological animal medicine following graduation. She is passionate about reptiles and will likely pursue a zoological pathology residency to broaden her impact on herpetological medicine.

Feed Them With Love Award

For a second- or third-year student who has demonstrated academic achievement and has a special interest in companion animal nutrition.

Sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition

Cristen Oxford

Cristen is a second-year student originally from Benton, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal general practice, nutrition, and practice ownership and hopes to eventually own a mixed animal practice that cares for large animals, dogs and cats, and zoological companion animals.

Dr. Walter L. and Mary Lou Fehrenbacher Scholarship

For an Illinois native with interest in pursuing a career in food animal medicine or rural mixed practice; preference is given to a married student with children.

Sponsored by the Dr. Walter L. and Mary Lou Fehrenbacher Scholarship Fund

Ashley Vahling

Ashley, a third-year student from Neoga, Ill., is interested in mixed animal practice. She would like to work in an underserved rural community after graduation.

Dr. Paul R. Fitzgerald Memorial Parasitology Scholarship

For demonstrated superlative achievement in parasitology and an expressed interest in parasitology with an excellent academic record.

Sponsored by the Dr. Paul R. Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund and Dr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Snyder

Alyssa Ruston-Bray

Alyssa is a second-year student from Lawrenceville, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal practice with a focus on emergency and critical care. She has gathered a variety of accomplishments in the past year, including completing a summer research project and being selected to present at the AASV conference in March 2023.

Clint Franks Memorial Scholarship

For a fourth-year student tracking general or food animal medicine who is a member and active participant of the Production Medicine Club. Preference given to those who have taken a leadership role within the club. Recipient should have strong interest in rural practice and production medicine.

Sponsored by family and friends of Clint Franks

Lucas Daniels

Luke, a fourth-year student from Strasburg, Ill., has been involved with production medicine research and would like to combine research and cattle production in his career. He wants to have a large impact on global food animal production.

Alice H. Fruit Memorial Scholarship

For good academic standing and financial need.

Sponsored by the Alice H. Fruit Memorial Scholarship Fund

Grace Steck

Grace is a fourth-year student from Springfield, Ill. She plans to practice small animal medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah, after graduation. Her areas of professional interest include ophthalmology, cardiology, and chiropractic medicine.

Dr. Gene Gambrel Northern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship

For a student who is native to the Northern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association (NIVMA) region, is an active member of SAVMA and plans to return and practice in the NIVMA region.

Sponsored by Northern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association, Dr. Abraham Trone

Crystal Munguia

Crystal is a third-year student working towards her DVM/MPH degree. She hopes to pursue emergency medicine and later move into government work focused on public health. She is particularly interested in the One Health model and the influence of animal health on human health through viruses, bacteria, and parasites.

Drs. Gail and Joseph Golab Animal Welfare Scholarship

For financial need and demonstrated interest in rational and practical approaches to solving problems of animal welfare.

Sponsored by the Drs. Gail and Joseph Golab Animal Welfare Scholarship Fund

Bryana Champagne Amanda Holmes

Kristine Witte

Bryana is a second-year student from Racine, Wis. She is interested in soft tissue surgery, zoological companion animals, preventative medicine, and public education. She hopes to join a general practice in the Midwest where she can grow and advance her professional skills.

Amanda is a second-year student from Dwight, Ill. She is interested in small animal practice ownership and hopes to incorporate her interest in behavior medicine into the practice.

Kristine, a second-year student from Orland Park, Ill., is a second-career student coming from the field of cosmetology. She uses her volunteer experience at PAWS animal shelter in Tinley Park as the motivation behind starting her veterinary career and is open to finding her place in the field.

David F. and Margaret T. Grohne Scholarship

For a U.S. citizen with a minimum grade point average of 3.0/4.0 scale and demonstrated leadership qualities.

Sponsored by the David F. and Margaret T. Grohne Scholarship Fund

Hope Fenton Max Paulson

Andrea Roth Alyssa Ruston-Bray

Hope is a third-year student from Du Quoin, Ill. She is interested in small animal neurology and behavior and wishes to pursue a career in academia. Oncology has also recently piqued her interest. She hopes to match at a small animal rotating internship at a teaching hospital post-graduation.

Max, a third-year student from Homer Glen, Ill., plans to complete a small animal rotating internship and a residency after graduation. He is interested in oncology, neurology, and ophthalmology. He is also very passionate about organized veterinary medicine and would love to teach at a veterinary school in the future.

Andrea is a fourth-year, second-career student from Baltimore, Md. She is interested in diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology. She is pursuing a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Alyssa is a second-year student from Lawrenceville, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal practice with a focus on emergency and critical care. She has gathered a variety of accomplishments in the past year, including completing a summer research project and being selected to present at the AASV conference in March 2023.

Frances Grolock Scholarship

For top students entering their first year of study as part of their recruitment package to Illinois.

Sponsored by the Frances Grolock Endowment Fund

Aleksandra Bysiek

Aleksandra is a second-year student from Chicago, Ill. She is interested in caring for felines (both small and large) and in shelter medicine. She hopes to develop programs and promote better practice techniques to improve the health and welfare of cats in shelters and the community.

Anna M. Gulick Scholarship

For a student with a good academic record, moral character, and financial need.

Sponsored by the Anna M. Gulick Endowment Fund

Daniela Roza

Dani, a second-year student from Jacksonville, Fla., is interested in small animal primary care with practice ownership. She is passionate about delivering health care to underrepresented communities, specifically clients who speak English as a second language. After graduation Dani plans to start working in a primary care clinic in the Southeast.

Dr. Steven Haase Endowed Scholarship

Criteria: To be determined

Emily Becker

Sponsored by: Dr. Steven Haase

Hadley Family DOVE Scholarship (Diversifying Opportunity in Veterinary Education)

Fund is intended to advance diversity within the CVM and in turn, within the veterinary profession more broadly, by expanding educational opportunities in veterinary medicine for students in under-represented minority populations that might not otherwise be able to avail themselves of such opportunities. Preference shall be given to students who meet one or more of the following criteria: 1) Have attended a minority-serving institution (MSI), as defined by the Higher Education Act; 2) Are members of a federally recognized Native American tribe; 3) Demonstrate a history of active involvement in high school, undergraduate, community, or enrichment programs or organizations focused on diversity, equity, inclusion, and empowerment of populations that are under-represented in veterinary medicine, including but not limited to: college or university cultural centers; sororities and fraternities affiliated with the National Pan-Hellenic Council, National APIA Panhellenic Association, or the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations; Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences; the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native American in Science; or 4) Demonstrate a commitment to continued efforts to promote diversity and inclusion in the Unit and veterinary profession, including but not limited to active membership in Veterinarians as One Inclusive Community for Empowerment (VOICE) or other student organizations intended to advance and celebrate diversity in the field of veterinary medicine.

Sponsored by the Hadley Family

Erica Jackson

Erica, a second-year student, received her bachelor's degree from the number one public historically black college and university in the nation, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. After graduation Erica plans to return to her hometown, Chicago, Ill., to work at a small animal general practice while continuing clinical research and outreach.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Helper Veterinary Faculty Collegiality Award

Provided to a deserving faculty member who enhances a cooperative learning environment among students and a constructive mentoring/coaching relationship between faculty and students.

Sponsored by Dr. Lloyd and Mrs. Jean Helper

Dr. Lori Madsen

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Helper Veterinary Student Collegiality Award

Provided to a deserving student who enhances a cooperative learning environment among students and a constructive mentoring/coaching relationship between faculty and students.

Sponsored by Dr. Lloyd and Mrs. Jean Helper

Jason Szumski

Jason is a fourth-year student from Winfield, Ill. He is interested in leadership development, practice management, and small animal medicine. He will be working at Golf Rose Animal Hospital (a Mission Veterinary Partner's Hospital) in Schaumburg, Ill., after graduation.

Isabelle M. Hill Scholarship

For a third- or fourth-year student with financial need.

Sponsored by the Estate of Isabelle M. Hill

Grace Steck

Grace is a fourth-year student from Springfield, Ill. She plans to practice small animal medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah, after graduation. Her areas of professional interest include ophthalmology, cardiology, and chiropractic medicine.

Richard S. and Loan B. Hill Veterinary Medicine Chicago-Area Scholarship

For a student from the Chicago area.

Sponsored by Richard S. and Loan B. Hill

Naomi Esquivel

Naomi was born and raised in Chicago, Ill. A second-year student, she is on her way to becoming Dr. Esquivel. She hopes to create opportunities for underserved minority students interested in veterinary medicine and to work closely with animal rescues and animal shelters. Her career goal is to open an innovative animal hospital in Chicago that serves all companion animals.

Dr. H. Preston Hoskins Award

Proficient in technical writing or editorial service for veterinary publications. Student must be in good academic standing, demonstrate the need for financial assistance, continuous membership in SAVMA & CVMA, preference to students focusing on small animal practice. Essay topic "How I hope to benefit the veterinary profession in the Chicagoland area after graduation."

Sponsored by the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association

Jaesul Kim Abigail Spike

Jaesul is a first-year student from New York City. She is currently interested in small animal general practice, emergency medicine, shelter medicine, and surgery. She looks forward to gaining more experience in each area over time.

Abigail, a third-year student from Streamwood, Ill., is interested in equine medicine and surgery and hopes to pursue research and practice ownership. She plans to attend an equine-focused internship, followed by an equine surgery residency.

Dr. Richard and Mrs. Shirley Hull Scholarships

For a third-year student with a demonstrated interest in specializing in large animal medicine.

Sponsored by Dr. Richard and Mrs. Shirley Hull Endowment Fund

Hannah Sparling

Hannah is a third-year student from Wildwood, Mo. She is interested in large animal medicine with equine, bovine, and small ruminant species as well as in theriogenology. She sees herself working in a rural large animal exclusive practice after graduation.

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary Scholarship

For student membership in ISVMA, continuous membership in the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, minimum grade point average of 2.5, and financial need, with preference given to an Illinois resident.

Sponsored by the Auxiliary to the ISVMA

Kaitlyn Nance

Kaitlyn, a third-year student, is interested in mixed animal practice after graduation, specifically equine and small animal. She has special interests in internal medicine and small animal surgery.

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Student Representative Scholarship

For current ISVMA student representatives.

Sponsored by the ISVMA

In Honor of Dr. John T. Creasey, third-year class representative:

Jessica Diepholz, Class of 2024

In Honor of Clint L. Franks, fourth-year class representative:

Lauren McKay, Class of 2023

Jessica Diepholz **Brianna Huff**
Justin Huff **Lauren McKay**

Jessica is a third-year student from Wesley Chapel, Fla. She recently decided to pursue a rotating internship after graduation. Jessica hopes to practice small animal medicine for a few years before transiting into academia so she can teach and mentor future veterinary students.

Brianna is a second-year student from Ringwood, Ill. She has a strong interest in exotic companion animals and zoological medicine. In the future, she hopes to work closely with clients and their pets, as well as zoos and wildlife rehabilitation centers.

Justin, a first-year veterinary student from Dix, Ill., is interested in production animal medicine, academic research, and small animal general practice. This summer he will work with Dr. Jodi Flaws in the Reproductive Toxicology Laboratory to gain experience in veterinary research.

Lauren, a fourth-year student from Joliet, Ill., is interested in small animal general practice, emergency medicine, and public health. She has a strong passion for community involvement and education. She looks forward to building long-lasting relationships with clients and becoming an advocate for animals.

Illinois Veterinary Medical Alumni Association Award

For overall proficiency in veterinary clinical medicine.

Sponsored by the Illinois Veterinary Medical Alumni Association

Lucas Daniels

Luke, a fourth-year student from Strasburg, Ill., has been involved with production medicine research and would like to combine research and cattle production in his career. He wants to have a large impact on global food animal production.

Lily Ireland Scholarship

For financial need, interest in specializing in the care of small animals and good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Lily Ireland Endowment Fund.

Will be awarded in 2024

Lily Ireland Scholarship: Recruitment

As part of recruitment package to Illinois.

Sponsored by the Lily Ireland Matching Fund

Will be awarded in 2024

Virginia R. Ivens Scholarship

For financial need, with preference given to a female student or minority student of either gender.

Sponsored by the Professor Virginia R. Ivens Endowment Fund

Rachael Lahar

Rachael is a third-year student from Houston, Texas, with an interest in small animal internal medicine. She hopes to open a specialty hospital and continue mentoring future veterinarians and students from underprivileged areas to foster their love of science and bring more diversity to the veterinary field.

Dr. Roger Jaenke Pathobiology Scholarship

For an interest in pathobiology.

Sponsored by the Dr. Roger Jaenke Pathobiology Scholarship Fund

Victoria Shuster **Rachael Surowiec**

Victoria, a second-year student from Shelton, Conn., is interested in anatomic pathology and shelter medicine. In addition, she also has an interest in forensics and hopes to incorporate it into her work after graduation.

Rachael is a third-year student from Buffalo, N.Y., and has a passion for pathology and diagnostics. She will be pursuing an anatomic pathology residency after graduation.

Christian and Regina Jensen Scholarship

For academic merit and financial need.

Sponsored by the Christian and Regina Jensen Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Endowment Fund

Lexi Frantz

Lexi is a first-year student from Beckemeyer, Ill. She is interested in companion exotics and small animal medicine, but is still open to exploring other fields. She is hoping to open a practice after graduation.

Jester Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

For interest in mixed animal practice, with preference given to male students in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Jester Harms Scholarship Fund

Conner Herion

Conner is a second-year student from Bartlett, Ill. While his background is in small animal practice, he is considering a practice in a rural setting or a mixed practice. Conner strives to strengthen the human-animal bond and forge long-lasting relationships with his future clients.

Anne P. Johnston Scholarship

For academic merit and financial need.

Sponsored by the Estate of Anne P. Johnston

Rachel Angles

Rachel is a fourth-year student from Bloomington, Ill. She is interested in zoological medicine.

Betty J. Jones & the Cassius Cat Foundation Scholarship

Based on a minimum GPA of 3.0 and financial need. Recipient must write an essay on why they chose veterinary medicine and what they plan to do with their degree.

Sponsored by the Betty J. Jones and the Cassius Cat Foundation

Josephine Biltz **Jessica Brooks**
Melissa Buettner **Morgan Garrow**
Andrea Martinez **Lilia Medvedev**

Josephine, a second-year student from North Olmsted, Ohio, is interested in mixed animal practice, primarily focused on cats, dogs, horses, and cows. In addition, she is interested in pursuing certifications in canine and equine rehabilitation and chiropractic. She hopes to own her own animal clinic and animal shelter someday.

Jessica is a first-year student from Springfield, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal practice and surgery but is still undecided in which field to pursue as there are so many interesting paths to take as a veterinarian. She hopes to find the perfect fit where she can impact the veterinary field for the better.

Melissa is a third-year student from Saint Cloud, Minn., who enjoys working with both small and large animals. She has a special interest in small animal surgery. After graduation, she plans to go into general mixed animal practice, with a small animal focus, in her home state.

Morgan is a third-year student originally from Orlando, Fla. She is interested in emergency medicine, oncology, and feline medicine. She hopes to pursue a rotating internship upon graduation and eventually a career combining all of her interests.

Andrea, a second-year student from San Antonio, Texas, is interested in small animal private practice and is considering a surgery residency after graduation. She hopes to continue learning about different aspects of veterinary medicine as she advances in her studies.

Lilia, a first-year student from Israel, moved to the U.S. in 2017 after the completing three years of military service. She graduated with a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in neuroscience from the University of Illinois-Chicago in 2021. Lilia is interested in pursuing small animal neurology or soft tissue surgery.

Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club Scholarship, Dr. James "Jim" Smalley Award

For a resident of Kankakee or Iroquois County who has an interest in a career working with dogs or small animal research and who demonstrates abilities for a promising career in veterinary medicine.

Sponsored by the Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club

Serena Orange

Serena, a fourth-student from Grant Park, Ill., is interested in emergency medicine, chiropractic medicine, and acupuncture and hopes to include large animal patients in her chiropractic and acupuncture medical practices. She is currently interviewing at clinics in Illinois.

Dr. Robert G. Kern Endowment Fund for Veterinary Medicine

To support travel of an equine-focused student so that they may attend an equine conference or externship.

Sponsored by Dr. Robert G. Kern Endowment Fund

Valentina Poggi

Valentina is a third-year student from Villa Park, Ill. She is a driven and goal-oriented individual interested in an intimate atmosphere of mixed animal veterinary care that involves horses, dogs, and cats. She also has a keen interest in reproduction. Valentina wants to join a practice that offers opportunities for mentorship, business ownership, and community engagement to improve animal welfare and protection.

Dr. Edward C. Khuen Excellence in Dentistry Scholarship

For a student who excels in dentistry.

Sponsored by the Dr. Ralph O. Holstein, DVM, Endowment Fund

William Morgan

Will is a fourth-year student from Richmond, Va. He is interested in general practice and improving the work-life balance of veterinarians. He will work in the Chicago area following graduation.

Dr. Edward C. Khuen Memorial Award

Proficient in small animal dentistry. Student must be in good academic standing, demonstrate the need for financial assistance, continuous membership in SAVMA & CVMA, preference to students focusing on small animal practice. Essay topic "How I hope to benefit the veterinary profession in the Chicagoland area after graduation."

Sponsored by the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association

Nicole Mann

Nicole, a fourth-year student from Belvidere, Ill., has accepted a position as a veterinarian at Valley Animal Hospital in Geneva, Ill., after graduation. Her interests include general practice, small animal medicine, and surgery. She is looking forward to the personal connections she will make with her clients and serving her community.

Dr. David Kieltyka Endowed Scholarship

For financial need. Preference shall be given (in order of priority) to students who: (1) are active with a UIUC LGBT Resource Center affiliated student organization, (2) have made significant contributions to the LGBT community, (3) are committed to making UIUC a more open environment for LGBT students, or (4) who otherwise increase diversity within the unit.

Sponsored by the Estate of Dr. David E. Kieltyka

Theodore Berlanga

Theodore is a second-year student from Midland, Mich. They are interested in wildlife medicine and academia. As an educator they hope to teach veterinary communication skill development and develop diversity, equity, and inclusion curricula.

Dr. Tony Kremer Shelter Medicine Scholarship

For a student interested in shelter medicine and a commitment to decrease pet overpopulation.

Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. Kremer

Aleksandra Bysiek

Aleksandra is a second-year student from Chicago, Ill. She is interested in caring for felines (both small and large) and in shelter medicine. She hopes to develop programs and promote better practice techniques to improve the health and welfare of cats in shelters and the community.

Dr. Tony Kremer Small Animal Orthopedic Surgery Scholarship

Demonstrated interest and skill in small animal orthopedic surgery. Pursuing a career in private practice.

Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. Kremer

Adam Tatnall

Adam is a third-year student originally from Auburn, Calif. He is interested in mixed animal practice, pre-clinical research, swine medicine, and surgery. Adam presented his swine research project at the annual American Association of Swine Veterinarians conference in March 2023.

Dr. Tony Kremer Telemedicine Scholarship

Recipients shall be pursuing a doctor of veterinary medicine degree in the Unit. Preference shall be given to students who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing telemedicine as part of their career.

Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. Kremer

Erica Greene

Erica is a fourth-year student who enjoys dentistry, diagnostic imaging, surgery, and pain management. She plans to pursue specialty training in veterinary dentistry and oral surgery upon graduation.

Dr. Tony Kremer Veterinary Business Scholarship

For an interest in the economics of veterinary medicine and small animal practice management.

Sponsored by Dr. Anthony T. Kremer

Katherine Hiskes

Katie is a fourth-year student from Indianapolis, Ind. She is interested in general practice, urgent care, and shelter medicine. She hopes to find a way to combine all of her passions in her future career. She is still considering her options for after graduation.

Dr. Vaylord Dale and Marjorie G. Ladwig Memorial Scholarship Fund

For strong interest in food animal medicine, preferably in the area of swine; financial need is a secondary consideration.

Sponsored by the Dr. Vaylord D. Ladwig Endowment Fund

Courtney Wangler

Courtney, a third-year student, grew up on a dairy farm in West Branch, Mich., and plans to practice in rural Michigan. She spent the past few years working in swine research and completing externships focused on equine and dairy medicine, including a month-long rotation in Stephenville, Texas, at the Signature Equine Hospital. In her final year, she hopes to have rotations in bovine palpation and equine lameness.

Lake County Humane Society Scholarship

For a native of Lake County with financial need and good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Lake County Humane Society

Talia DiCara

Talia is a first-year student from Long Grove, Ill. She is interested in a career in zoological, exotics, or wildlife medicine, with a special focus on rehabilitation and release. She is also interested in the impact of effective communication and fear-free handling techniques on the experience of patients, their owners, and the veterinary team.

Dr. C. Max Lang Scholarship for Veterinary Medicine

For a second- or third-year student in the upper quartile of their class.

Sponsored by the Dr. C. Max Lang Scholarship for Veterinary Medicine Fund

Amy Van Hoven

Amy is a third-year student from Syracuse, N.Y. She is interested in orthopedic surgery and small animal practice ownership.

Eve Larocca Scholarship Endowment Fund Award

For current membership in the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, with demonstrated exemplary service and leadership in any of the student organizations and good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Regional Chapters of the ISVMA

Morgan Garrow

Morgan is a third-year student originally from Orlando, Fla. She is interested in emergency medicine, oncology, and feline medicine. She hopes to pursue a rotating internship upon graduation and eventually a career combining all of her interests.

The Legacy of Service and Learning Scholarship

For a meritorious student with financial need who has contributed 50 hours of volunteer service.

Sponsored by the University of Illinois

Brianna Moore Nina Pasquini

Varun Seth Caitlin Strozewski

Brianna, a first-year student from Dayton, Ohio, is interested in feline, shelter, and behavioral medicine. She wants to work in general practice and help clients understand their animals. She hopes to own a clinic and give back to the community by working with shelters for free spay/neuter and vaccine clinics.

Nina, a first-year student from Roselle, Ill., is interested in small animal general practice and zoological companion medicine and in possibly offering rehabilitation services later in her career. She currently works as a technician at a veterinary hospital. Her hardworking and helpful attitude helps her at school and at her job.

Varun is a second-year student from Aurora, Colo. He is interested in wildlife, aquatics, and conservation medicine. Varun is also considering ways to integrate research and academia into his career.

Caitlin, a third-year student from Mount Prospect, Ill., has a degree in neuroscience from Tulane University. She is interested in small animal emergency and critical care, general practice, or shelter medicine. Her experiences include working/volunteering in small animal clinics, shelters, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital ER, and zoo and wildlife medicine. After graduation, Caitlin plans on returning to the Chicagoland area.

Tanner Leong Memorial Scholarship

For demonstrated superior achievement in dermatology.

Sponsored by Dr. Keng and Mrs. Betty Leong

Jenesi Moore

Jenesi, a fourth-year student, will join Fairview Hospital for Animals in her hometown of Decatur, Ill., after graduation. She has interests in companion animal medicine, with an emphasis in surgery, shelter medicine, and behavioral animal health. Outside veterinary medicine, her primary passion is spending time with her nine-year-old daughter, Serenity.

TZ & Zach Leong Internal Medicine Scholarship

For demonstrated superior achievement in internal medicine.

Sponsored by Dr. Keng and Mrs. Betty Leong

Jessica Chastain

Drs. Sam and Nancy Lerner Award

For a third- or fourth-year student of good character, good communication skills, academic achievement, and submitted proposal for a research project that would benefit dogs and cats.

Sponsored by the Drs. Sam and Nancy Lerner Endowment Fund

Tess Cummings

Tess is a third-year student from Danforth, Ill. She is interested in pursuing a career in equine veterinary medicine and rural mixed animal practice. She plans on completing an equine internship following graduation and then practicing in a mixed animal practice with a large percentage of equine patients.

Dr. Norman and Helen Levine Scholarship

For academic merit and financial need.

Sponsored by the Estate of Dr. Norman and Helen Levine

Hannah Blum
Brianna Huff
Hannah Sparling
Courtney Wangler

Katerina Dudgeon
Andrea Sonichsen
Michael Stadler
Grace Zukowski

Hannah is a first-year student from Whiteland, Ind. She is interested in pathology, specifically anatomic pathology, and hopes to pursue a residency after graduation.

Katerina, a second-year student from Pittsburgh, Pa., now resides in Urbana, Ill., with her husband. She is interested in small animal companion medicine, companion exotics, and wildlife. Katerina loves using her passion for veterinary medicine to inspire children to pursue STEM-related fields.

Brianna is a second-year student from Ringwood, Ill. She has a strong interest in exotic companion animals and zoological medicine. In the future, she hopes to work closely with clients and their pets, as well as zoos and wildlife rehabilitation centers.

Andy is a fourth-year student from Chicago Ridge, Ill. She will join Blue Ridge Veterinary Clinic in Purcellville, Va., as a small animal general practice veterinarian. There she will be mentored in emergency medicine while working closely with local animal shelters and rescues to provide these animals the best quality of care.

Hannah is a third-year student from Wildwood, Mo. She is interested in large animal medicine with equine, bovine, and small ruminant species as well as in theriogenology. She sees herself working in a rural large animal exclusive practice after graduation.

Michael is a first-year student from DeKalb, Ill. He is interested in equine and mixed animal practice. He has been working with horses since he was seven and is very passionate about their care. He grew up in a rural area and hopes to serve a rural community someday.

Courtney, a third-year student, grew up on a dairy farm in West Branch, Mich., and plans to practice in rural Michigan. She spent the past few years working in swine research and completing externships focused on equine and dairy medicine, including a month-long rotation in Stephenville, Texas, at the Signature Equine Hospital. In her final year, she hopes to have rotations in bovine palpation and equine lameness.

Grace is a fourth-year student from Woburn, Mass. She fell in love with emergency medicine during her first-year ER rotation and hopes to pursue that as a career. In her free time, she enjoys walking with her brittany spaniel, Archie, baking breads and sweets, and listening to true crime and wellness podcasts. She plans on completing a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Dr. Roger P. Link and Marjorie Link Endowed Scholarship Fund

For excellence in professional studies and distinguished leadership in the Illinois Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association or other constituent groups.

Sponsored by the Dr. Roger P. Link Endowment Fund

Will be awarded in 2024

Dr. Ted Lock Scholarship

For a third-year student interested in practicing large or mixed animal medicine in a rural environment.

Sponsored by the Dr. Ted Lock Endowed Scholarship Fund

Casey Lindenfeld

Casey is a third-year student from Keller, Texas. She is interested in mixed animal medicine and building a strong community within a clinic. She hopes to have a constant variety of patients and contribute to a cohesive team in a rural clinic after graduation.

Dr. Heidi Lott Memorial Award

For a well-rounded student in good academic standing with financial need who is pursuing a career in practice and is a resident of Tazewell or Woodford County, the city of Peoria, or the Mississippi Valley region.

Sponsored by the Dr. Heidi Lott Endowment Fund

Will be awarded in 2024

Lutz Family Endowment - iFARMS Award

For a student who participates in the Illinois Food Animal Reproduction, Medicine, and Surgery program.

Sponsored by the Lutz Family Endowment Fund

To be awarded outside of awards program

Dr. William Magrane Clinical Ophthalmology Award

For exceptional performance in the clinical ophthalmology rotation.

Sponsored by the Magrane Ophthalmology Fund

Priscilla Diaz

Priscilla, a fourth-year student from Queens, N.Y., is interested in small animal general practice, urgent care, ophthalmology, and fear-free medicine. She is a compassionate and driven individual, who looks forward to strengthening the human-animal bond through quality medical care, positivity, and communication.

Martin Family and Capitol Illini Veterinary Services Scholarship

For a student with demonstrated interest in small animal medicine, who is a member of student groups and whose resume reflects past work in a veterinary clinic.

Sponsored by the Martin Family and Capitol Illini Veterinary Services Scholarship Fund

Jade Williams

Jade is a third-year student from the inner city of Chicago, Ill. She received her bachelor's degree at Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal. Jade has an interest in small animal general practice as well as soft tissue surgery and looks forward to her clinical year and making her veterinary career a reality.

Dr. Frances Joan Masser Scholarship

For a veterinary student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Dr. Frances Joan Masser Endowment Fund

Alexander Bender **Tess Cummings**

Jesi Petersen **Emma Przekwas**

Alex is a first-year student from Peoria, Ill. He is interested in small animal and exotics practice as well as anatomical pathology. He would like to work in or near a large city after graduation in order to see more exotic pets.

Tess is a third-year student from Danforth, Ill. She is interested in pursuing a career in equine veterinary medicine and rural mixed animal practice. She plans on completing an equine internship following graduation and then practicing in a mixed animal practice with a large percentage of equine patients.

Jesi, a second-year student from Glencoe, Ill., is interested in equine medicine and wants to go into general practice or specialize in internal medicine or anesthesiology. She plans to do an equine internship upon graduation, followed by a residency or entering private practice. She is also considering entering academia later in her career.

Emma is a fourth-year student from Tinley Park, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice and shelter medicine and is hoping to combine the two in her career. She is planning to work in small animal general practice in the Champaign area after graduation.

Dr. Patrick C. Matchette Scholarship

For a resident of DuPage County with a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

Sponsored by the Dr. Patrick C. Matchette Endowment Fund

Sally Hakim

Sally is a second-year student from Naperville, Ill. She is interested in shelter medicine and would like to incorporate homeless ministry into her career.

Mattoon Kennel Club Award

Will be awarded in 2024

David and Bonnie McConnell Scholarship

For a student with a solid foundation in basic sciences; a questioning mind; a work ethic reflecting perseverance, self-reliance, and initiative; a willingness to accept responsibility in the face of financial need; and collegiality and a positive attitude. The student must have current membership in the Illinois Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Sponsored by the Dr. and Mrs. David McConnell Endowment Fund

Kamila Grochowski

Kami, a second-year student from Glenview, Ill., is a team leader at the Wildlife Medical Clinic and a researcher for the Wildlife Epidemiology Laboratory. She is interested in entering the match program during her fourth year and pursuing a residency or internship after graduation.

Genevieve B. McDonough Veterinary Medicine Fund

Recipients shall have a high level of financial need and preference shall be given to students who are US citizens or permanent residents from the State of Illinois.

Sponsored by the Genevieve B. McDonough Veterinary Medicine Fund

Jenesi Moore

Jenesi, a fourth-year student, will join Fairview Hospital for Animals in her hometown of Decatur, Ill., after graduation. She has interests in companion animal medicine, with an emphasis in surgery, shelter medicine, and behavioral animal health. Outside veterinary medicine, her primary passion is spending time with her nine-year-old daughter, Serenity.

Michael McElvaine Scholarship

For a student who demonstrates record or strong potential in support of LGBTQ activism. Small animal and shelter medicine focus.

Sponsored by the Estate of Michael McElvaine

Hollie Heape

Hollie is a fourth-year student from Portland, Ore. After graduation she plans to pursue a career in emergency medicine.

McLaughlin Family Scholarship

For a student interested in small animal medicine and surgery and who has been a member of the Illinois Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association for two years and is in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the McLaughlin Family Endowment Fund

Melissa Buettner

Melissa is a third-year student from Saint Cloud, Minn., who enjoys working with both small and large animals. She has a special interest in small animal surgery. After graduation, she plans to go into general mixed animal practice, with a small animal focus, in her home state.

Rose Ann Meccoli Memorial Scholarship

For a student who has contributed significantly to the care and quality of life of the Wildlife Medical Clinic resident educational animals.

Sponsored by the Rose Ann Meccoli Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mackenzie Wells

Mackenzie is a third-year student from Nashville, Ill., with hopes to pursue small animal and zoo companion animal general practice. She is passionate about providing high-quality veterinary care and community involvement in rural communities, especially in newer areas of veterinary medicine like exotics and shelter medicine.

Dr. Paul and Sara J. Meginnis Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing with high financial need.

Sponsored by the Dr. Paul and Sara J. Meginnis Scholarship Fund

Morgan Garrow

Morgan is a third-year student originally from Orlando, Fla. She is interested in emergency medicine, oncology, and feline medicine. She hopes to pursue a rotating internship upon graduation and eventually a career combining all of her interests.

Dr. Beryl D. and Renee Mell Faculty Award

For a faculty member who demonstrates compassion in effectively dealing with the bonds that exist between small animal companions and their owners.

Sponsored by Dr. Beryl D. and Renee Mell Endowment Fund

Dr. Clara Moran

Dr. Beryl D. and Renee Mell Senior Student Award

For a student who exemplifies the ability to show compassion in effectively dealing with the bond that exists between small animal companions and the owners.

Sponsored by Dr. Beryl D. and Renee Mell Endowment Fund

Gabriela de Oliveira

Gabi, a fourth-year student from Brasilia, Brazil, will complete a small animal rotating internship after graduation and may pursue an emergency and critical care residency. She hopes to honor the human-animal bond by providing emergency and critical care services for a multitude of species in a compassionate and caring manner.

Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Innovation Award

For a selected student in good academic standing and who demonstrates innovation and/or entrepreneurial creativity in the development of business, project or product that inspires others within the veterinary profession.

Sponsored by Merck Animal Health and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation

Luke Daniels

Luke, a fourth-year student from Strasburg, Ill., has been involved with production medicine research and would like to combine research and cattle production in his career. He wants to have a large impact on global food animal production.

Merck Veterinary Manual Award

For fourth-year students on the Dean's List with a grade point average of 3.50 or greater.

Sponsored by Merck & Company

Rachel Angles
Jessica Franz
Nicole Mann
Emma Przekwas
Grace Steck

Corrinne Boyajian
Jamie Hart
Corina Nunez Esquivel
Andrea Roth
Kathryn Vanderslice

Rachel is a fourth-year student from Bloomington, Ill. She is interested in zoological medicine.

Corrinne is a fourth-year student from Long Island, N.Y. She has a passion for rural medicine, cardiology, and end-of-life care. She intends to pursue a career in small animal general practice in Montana or Maine after graduation. In addition, she plans to coordinate rural outreach days for underserved areas.

Jamie is a fourth-year student from New York City with a strong interest in small animal surgery. She will be joining Friendship Hospital for Animals for a small animal rotating internship in June.

Nicole, a fourth-year student from Belvidere, Ill., has accepted a position as a veterinarian at Valley Animal Hospital in Geneva, Ill., after graduation. Her interests include general practice, small animal medicine, and surgery. She is looking forward to the personal connections she will make with her clients and serving her community.

Corina is a fourth-year veterinary student from Naperville, Ill., interested in small animal general practice, emergency medicine, and preventive care. She hopes to provide individualized treatment plans for all her patients and strengthen the communication between veterinary staff and clients.

Emma is a fourth-year student from Tinley Park, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice and shelter medicine and is hoping to combine the two in her career. She is planning to work in small animal general practice in the Champaign area after graduation.

Andrea is a fourth-year, second-career student from Baltimore, Md. She is interested in diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology. She is pursuing a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Grace is a fourth-year student from Springfield, Ill. She plans to practice small animal medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah, after graduation. Her areas of professional interest include ophthalmology, cardiology, and chiropractic medicine.

Jerrold and Marian Michaels Scholarship

For a native or resident of McHenry County with financial need.

Sponsored by the Jerrold and Marian Michaels Scholarship Fund

Adam Tatnall

Adam is a third-year student originally from Auburn, Calif. He is interested in mixed animal practice, pre-clinical research, swine medicine, and surgery. Adam presented his swine research project at the annual American Association of Swine Veterinarians conference in March 2023.

Dr. Christopher Moberly Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

For a student with excellent leadership qualities who exhibits potential of good surgical skills, has excellent abilities in communicating with clients, is respected by classmates, and exhibits sensitivity and compassion for the wellness of all living creatures.

Sponsored by the Dr. Christopher Moberly Endowment Fund

Evan Schwarz

Evan, a third-year student from Lake in the Hills, Ill., plans to pursue a specialty in small animal surgery. He enjoys communicating with clients to determine their wants, needs, and expectations. He also enjoys his two ferrets and hopes to incorporate exotic animals into his future practice.

Roma and Carol Ann Most Award in Veterinary Medicine

For a female student who is a resident of Illinois with an interest in small animals and demonstrated financial need.

Sponsored by the Roma and Carol Ann Most Trust Fund

Ryann Cook

Ryann is a first-year student from Orland Park, Ill., who is interested in small animal emergency medicine as well as equine sports medicine and small animal general practice. After graduation, she plans to return to the clinic where she has worked at since 2018 and explore partial clinic ownership.

Wanda L. Muntwyler Scholarship

For a student who is highly involved in activities that further the prevention of cruelty to animals (companion animals and/or wildlife) and strengthening the human-animal bond and who has financial need.

Sponsored by the Wanda L. Muntwyler Foundation for Animals

Eleanor Petree

Eleanor is a third-year student from Kansas City, Mo. She is interested in small animal, zoologic companion, and wildlife medicine and hopes to gain exposure to these fields during her clinical year. Eleanor also hopes to explore behavior medicine, specifically with a focus on feline behavior.

Nestle Purina Award for Excellence in Companion Animal Nutrition

For a student who demonstrates excellence and a strong interest in companion animal nutrition.

Sponsored by Nestlé Purina PetCare

Megan Grako

Megan is a fourth-year student from Streator, Ill. She has a passion for soft tissue surgery, dentistry, internal medicine, and nutrition. After graduation, she plans to work at a small animal clinic in Mount Prospect, Ill.

Northern Lakes Equine Practice Scholarship

For an equine-focused fourth-year student who intends to pursue equine medicine, ideally in private practice.

Sponsored by Northern Lakes Equine Practice

Amanda Bowen

Amanda is a fourth-year student from Peoria, Ill. She is interested in equine practice and hopes to complete an equine ambulatory internship at Colorado State University after graduation. After her internship, she will work at an equine ambulatory practice in Loveland, Colo.

OTS Advisor Scholarship

For a member of the Omega Tau Sigma veterinary fraternity based upon an essay describing how he or she has personally demonstrated the spirit of OTS.

Sponsored by the OTS Theta Chapter and Alumni

Jenna Henderson Alexandra Shaffer

Jenna is a third-year student from Plainfield, Ill. She plans to pursue a small animal rotating internship after graduation and eventually a residency in medical oncology. She also has interests in emergency medicine and internal medicine.

Alexandra, a third-year student from central Massachusetts, is interested in small animal general practice with zoo companion animal medicine. She has been highly involved in student engagement activities and looks forward to being a lifelong learner and creating a positive working environment.

Christine K. and David M. Heine Otto Award

For demonstrated compassion when interacting with clients of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, leadership and communication skills, and a strong interest in the human-animal bond.

Sponsored by Christine K. and David M. Heine

Prem Patel

Prem is a fourth-year student from Jacksonville, Fla. His love for sports taught him to work hard in teams and inspire the people around him to exceed their goals. Prem is interested in small animal general practice, anesthesia, orthopedics/soft tissue surgery, and leadership in organized medicine. He absolutely loves forming bonds with people and their pets.

Prater Family Scholarship Fund

For demonstrated financial need and academic merit. Scholarship can be renewable for recipients who remain in good standing.

Sponsored by the James C. Prater Family

Jesi Petersen

Jesi, a second-year student from Glencoe, Ill., is interested in equine medicine and wants to go into general practice or specialize in internal medicine or anesthesiology. She plans to do an equine internship upon graduation, followed by a residency or entering private practice. She is also considering entering academia later in her career.

Severn Provus and Birdell Eck Provus Scholarship

For a student with financial need who is pursuing a career in small animal medicine; preference is given to minority students as well as those with experience at a humane society or animal shelter.

Sponsored by the Severn Provus and Birdell Eck Provus Scholarship Endowment Fund

Brittany Krininger

Britt, a third-year student from Libertyville, Ill., has a strong background in community involvement and education. She plans to go into small animal practice after graduation and to work with local and under-represented community members, focusing on top-tier medicine, inclusivity, and enrichment. Britt also hopes to own a practice in the future.

Lester E. Puhse Memorial Scholarship

For a resident of Madison, St. Clair, Jersey, or Macoupin counties who has shown satisfactory academic progress and who plans to enter small animal practice.

Sponsored by Evelyn Puhse Carapella and the Edwardsville Kennel Club

Kaitlyn Nance

Kaitlyn, a third-year student, is interested in mixed animal practice after graduation, specifically equine and small animal. She has special interests in internal medicine and small animal surgery.

Dr. David Reed Family Scholarship

For a student focused on small animal who hopes to acquire a career in general practice and who has financial need.

Sponsored by Dr. David Reed

Valeria Campos

Valeria is a fourth-year student from Sarasota, Fla. She is interested in soft tissue surgery, internal medicine, and cardiology. Valeria plans to work in Chicago, Ill., and volunteer through shelter medicine work or public education in animal health.

Dr. Lisa Rehberger Scholarship

Demonstrated financial need, with preference given to students from Johnson County, IL or if no students apply, second preference shall be given to students from Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union and Williamson, and third preference shall be for students south of I-64.

Sponsored by Dr. Lisa Rehberger

Taylor Miller

Taylor, a second-year student, plans to own a mixed animal practice in her hometown of Belleville, Ill. She looks forward to providing the community with affordable, high-quality medical and surgical care for their pets and livestock. Taylor also plans to help promote agricultural education and proper animal care through the FFA Alumni.

Dr. J. Wayne Rehn Scholarship

For a student member of the ISVMA with a rural or food animal background, demonstrated achievements in 4-H or FFA, sound integrity, good academic standing, and sincere interest in pursuing a career in rural veterinary medicine.

Sponsored by the Dr. J. Wayne Rehn Scholarship Endowment Fund

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Charles Renegar Family Scholarship

For a student with financial need.

Sponsored by the Charles Renegar Family Endowment Fund

Micaela Ramirez

Micaela is a third-year student who was born in Arlington, Va., and raised in Europe and South America. She is interested in small animal general practice, practice ownership, and becoming more proficient in exotic companion species and orthopedic procedures.

Dr. Harry Reynolds Pathology Award

For the highest grade point average in general pathology.

Sponsored by the H. A. Reynolds Memorial Endowment Fund

Jesi Petersen

Jesi, a second-year student from Glencoe, Ill., is interested in equine medicine and wants to go into general practice or specialize in internal medicine or anesthesiology. She plans to do an equine internship upon graduation, followed by a residency or entering private practice. She is also considering entering academia later in her career.

Doris Rivera Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

For a student with financial need.

Sponsored by the Doris Rivera Endowment Fund

Jacob Dalen Alyssa Mazzoccoli

Jacob, a first-year student originally from Manhattan, Ill., is passionate about wildlife and conservation. He loves to work with the wildlife ambassador animals at the Wildlife Medical Clinic. After graduation, he will apply for a zoo medicine internship and residency program.

Alyssa is a second-year student from Chicago, Ill. She is interested in mixed or small animal general practice, with focuses in surgery, neurology, and nutrition. She hopes to incorporate these interests in her career.

Rosella E. Rose Scholarship

For a deserving student.

Sponsored by the Rosella E. Rose Scholarship Endowment Fund

Alexis Davidson

Alexis is a fourth-year student from Deerfield, Ill. She has an interest in wildlife, zoo, and emergency medicine and hopes to become board certified in zoological medicine. Alexis is excited for the next step in this journey and will be starting a rotating internship in Rhode Island in June.

Bob Rosenthal Senior Student Award for Proficiency in Clinical Oncology

For a fourth-year student with superior aptitude and affinity for the care of animals with cancer.

Sponsored by the Veterinary Cancer Society

Kelcie Fredrickson

Dr. Sheldon B. Rubin Scholarship

For third- or fourth-year students who have strong leadership and communication skills, both written and verbal. Preference given to students with active membership in organized veterinary medicine at either the state or national level.

Sponsored by the Dr. Sheldon B. Rubin Endowment Fund

Cheyenne Dowds

Cheyenne is a third-year student from Valparaiso, Ind., who hopes to combine her interests in emergency and critical care and surgery. She has planned off-campus rotations at emergency practices that do surgeries to gain experience in both areas. After graduating, she will practice near her hometown.

Cedric and Edna Rybolt Scholarship

For an Illinois resident based on academic merit and financial need.

Sponsored by the Cedric and Edna Rybolt Scholarship Fund

Amy Van Hoven

Amy is a third-year student from Syracuse, N.Y. She is interested in orthopedic surgery and small animal practice ownership.

Dr. Alvin H. Safanie Endowed Fund

For a student with financial need. Preference shall be given to students interested in anatomy, anatomical development, neonatology/breeding or genetics.

Sponsored by Dr. Alvin H. Safanie Endowment Fund

Valerya Ivanina

Val is a fourth-year student from Brooklyn, N.Y. She is interested in small animal practice and canine reproduction/neonatology. She hopes to be a practice owner in the future.

Dr. David A. Saidel Illinois Academy of Veterinary Medicine Scholarship

The dean of the college awards these scholarships to incoming first-year students as part of their recruitment to Illinois.

Sponsored by the Dr. David A. Saidel Illinois Academy of Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Fund

Will be awarded in 2024

Dr. Gary and Linda Salisbury Scholarship

For an Illinois, male student, with financial need.

Sponsored by the Gary and Linda Salisbury Endowment Fund

Kyle Cacciatore

Kyle is a third-year student from Park Ridge, Ill. He has a strong interest in treating all companion animals, with a special emphasis on reptiles and birds. In the future, he would like to open a practice with his fiancé, Brittany, also a third-year veterinary student at Illinois.

Dr. J. E. Salsbury Scholarship

For students with financial need who exhibit superior academics, initiative, perseverance, and potential for leadership.

Sponsored by the Dr. J. E. Salsbury Endowment Fund

Mikayla Diedrick Mackenzie Wells

Mikayla, a third-year student from Daggett, Mich., hopes to pursue a career in mixed animal practice or food animal medicine. She has a special interest in theriogenology. She aspires to improve animal and human health by ensuring a safe and fruitful food supply while maintaining excellent animal welfare.

Mackenzie is a third-year student from Nashville, Ill., with hopes to pursue small animal and zoo companion animal general practice. She is passionate about providing high-quality veterinary care and community involvement in rural communities, especially in newer areas of veterinary medicine like exotics and shelter medicine.

Sandrik Family Scholarship

For an Illinois resident who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need.

Sponsored by the Sandrik Family Scholarship Endowment Fund

Caitlin Strozewski

Caitlin, a third-year student from Mount Prospect, Ill., has a degree in neuroscience from Tulane University. She is interested in small animal emergency and critical care, general practice, or shelter medicine. Her experiences include working/volunteering in small animal clinics, shelters, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital ER, and zoo and wildlife medicine. After graduation, Caitlin plans on returning to the Chicagoland area.

Scholarship for Excellence in Veterinary Medicine

For top students entering their first-year of study as part of their recruitment package.

Sponsored anonymously

Will be awarded in 2024

The Boehringer - Ingelheim Senior Student Award for Proficiency in Clinical Cardiology

For a fourth-year student with superior aptitude and affinity for the care of veterinary cardiology patients. Overall performance while on clinical rotation involving the care of animals and demonstrated skill in patient care and client communications.

Sponsored by Boehringer - Ingelheim

Nathaniel Hoernke

Nate, a fourth-year student from the suburbs of Milwaukee, Wis., is interested in small animal medicine, fear-free medicine, zoologic companion animal medicine, and small animal orthopedic and soft tissue surgery. The animal-human bond is important to him, and he is excited to begin building relationships not only with the animals that he treats but with their owners as well.

Senior Student Award for Proficiency in Clinical Neurology

For a fourth-year student with superior aptitude and affinity for the care of veterinary neurologic patients. Overall performance while on clinical rotation involving the care of animals and demonstrated skill in patient care and client communications.

Sponsored by Dr. Devon Hague

Lauren Vincent

Lauren is a fourth-year student from Indianapolis, Ind. She is interested in zoological medicine and hopes to pursue a residency in zoo and wildlife medicine. She has applied for small animal rotating internships for after graduation.

Magda Simopoulos Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Fund

For any DVM student in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sponsored by the Magda Simopoulos Trust

Josephine Biltz

Josephine, a second-year student from North Olmsted, Ohio, is interested in mixed animal practice, primarily focused on cats, dogs, horses, and cows. In addition, she is interested in pursuing certifications in canine and equine rehabilitation and chiropractic. She hopes to own her own animal clinic and animal shelter someday.

Cora E. and Lora M. Sims Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

The dean of the college awards this scholarship to a first-year student.

Sponsored by Cora E. and Lora M. Sims Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine Fund

Will be awarded in 2024

Richard P. Sivicek Scholarship

For a third- or fourth-year student interested in wildlife, zoo or shelter medicine.

Sponsored by Mr. Richard P. Sivicek

Valeria Campos Lauren Vincent

Valeria is a fourth-year student from Sarasota, Fla. She is interested in soft tissue surgery, internal medicine, and cardiology. Valeria plans to work in Chicago, Ill., and volunteer through shelter medicine work or public education in animal health.

Lauren is a fourth-year student from Indianapolis, Ind. She is interested in zoological medicine and hopes to pursue a residency in zoo and wildlife medicine. She has applied for small animal rotating internships for after graduation.

Small Animal Executive Veterinary Program Award

For students with an interest and awareness of veterinary management and economics and the intention of directing their career toward these markets.

Sponsored by the Small Animal EVP Scholarship Endowment Fund

Cristen Oxford

Cristen is a second-year student originally from Benton, Ill. She is interested in mixed animal general practice, nutrition, and practice ownership and hopes to eventually own a mixed animal practice that cares for large animals, dogs and cats, and zoological companion animals.

Dr. Erwin Small Scholarships

For members of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association and Omega Tau Sigma with financial need.

Sponsored by the Dr. Erwin Small Scholarship Endowment Fund

**Andrew Cadwell Katherine Manika
Emma Mullins Valentina Poggi**

Drew is a fourth-year student who grew up around the world, then completed high school and his undergraduate degree in the state of Virginia. He will begin practicing small animal and zoo companion mammal medicine at Pine Point Animal Hospital in Scarborough, Maine. His professional interests include anesthetic/analgesic decision-making, dermatology, zoo companion animal medicine, and holistic medicine.

Katie, a fourth-year student from North Riverside, Ill., is especially interested in medicine, surgery, rehabilitation therapy, and behavior. After graduation, she will become an associate veterinarian at Springbrook Animal Care Center in Naperville, Ill. Katie hopes to own a mixed animal hospital in the future.

Emma is a third-year student from Dayton, Ohio. She is interested in equine theriogenology and neonatology and hopes to make an impact in the equine sport horse industry. She is looking to do an internship following graduation. Her other interests include practice ownership and sport horse medicine.

Valentina is a third-year student from Villa Park, Ill. She is a driven and goal-oriented individual interested in an intimate atmosphere of mixed animal veterinary care that involves horses, dogs, and cats. She also has a keen interest in reproduction. Valentina wants to join a practice that offers opportunities for mentorship, business ownership, and community engagement to improve animal welfare and protection.

Dr. Erwin Small Teaching Excellence Awards in Veterinary Medicine

For excellence in teaching, awarded to one faculty member from each department, as selected by students in the second-, third-, and fourth-year of the veterinary degree program.

Sponsored by the estate of Dr. Erwin Small and the College of Veterinary Medicine

**Dr. Jodi Flaws
Dr. Krista Keller
Dr. Leslie McNeil**

James David Small, DVM, Scholarship

For students interested in pursuing a career in lab animal medicine.

Sponsored by the James David Small, DVM, Endowment Fund

Mark Peterson

Mark, a second-year student from Bay City, Mich., is active the Laboratory Animal Medicine Club and has completed the Summer Research Training Program. He hopes to pursue a residency in laboratory animal medicine after graduation and contribute to scientific and medical advancements.

Society for Theriogenology Award

For a fourth-year student with the highest proficiency in theriogenology as determined by the faculty.

Sponsored by the Society for Theriogenology

Carina Kilduff

Carina is a fourth-year student from Massachusetts interested in mixed animal practice with an emphasis on large animal, and a special interest in equine sports medicine. She can't wait to start her career in Illinois at a mixed animal practice after graduation.

Sonata and Dvorak Behavioral Medicine Scholarship

For commitment to behavioral research medicine, enthusiasm, and belief in saving an animal's life when there are behavior issues; interest and experience in behavioral medicine, pet loss issues and activities are also given consideration.

Sponsored by Ms. Audra Zumwalt

Amanda Holmes

Amanda is a second-year student from Dwight, Ill. She is interested in small animal practice ownership and hopes to incorporate her interest in behavior medicine into the practice.

Sophie's and Gypsy's Golden Heart Award

For a student who excels in small animal cardiology.

Sponsored by Ms. Cornelia W. Honchar

Jennifer Applebaum

Jenny is a fourth-year student from Coral Springs, Fla. She is interested in cardiology and plans to pursue a rotating internship after graduation.

Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship

For students with financial need who are natives of the region encompassed by the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association.

Sponsored by the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association

Mollee Eickmeyer Emily Shilling

Mollee is a first-year veterinary student from a rural community in southern Illinois. She is interested in practicing mixed animal medicine in an underserved rural area. However, Mollee wants to pursue experiences with a variety of species and specialties, including orthopedics, dermatology, and sports medicine, before choosing a career path.

Emily is a first-year student from rural Parkersburg, Ill. She is interested in practicing emergency medicine, equine, or mixed animal practice in her hometown upon graduation. She is also entertaining the idea of specializing or owning her own practice.

Dr. Donald W. Spencer Scholarship

For a resident of Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association region with demonstrated interest in the Wildlife Medical Clinic.

Sponsored by the Dr. Donald W. Spencer Scholarship Endowment Fund

Mackenzie Wells

Mackenzie is a third-year student from Nashville, Ill., with hopes to pursue small animal and zoo companion animal general practice. She is passionate about providing high-quality veterinary care and community involvement in rural communities, especially in newer areas of veterinary medicine like exotics and shelter medicine.

Dr. Larry St. Clair Excellence in Anatomy Scholarship

For a student who excels in anatomy.

Sponsored by the Dr. Ralph O. Holstein, DVM, Endowment Fund

Emily Shilling

Emily is a first-year student from rural Parkersburg, Ill. She is interested in practicing emergency medicine, equine, or mixed animal practice in her hometown upon graduation. She is also entertaining the idea of specializing or owning her own practice.

Stateline Spay/Neuter and Education Scholarship Fund

Recipients shall be enrolled in the Shelter Medicine Program.

Sponsored by Richard and Karen Gadke.

Rachel Conte Cassandra Lynch

Rachel is a fourth-year student from Southington, Conn. Her primary interests lie in small animal medicine and exotics, with other interests in shelter medicine and urgent care. She hopes to pursue a career in small animal primary care and exotics in the Boston, Mass., area.

Cassie is a fourth-year student from Rockaway, N.J. She has completed externships in zoological medicine, small animal general practice, surgery, and shelter medicine. Upon graduation she has accepted a position in emergency medicine and will pursue leadership, mentorship, and eventually practice ownership.

Fred and Geraldine Steffen Memorial Scholarship

For a student who has completed the second year in the curriculum and who is interested in small animal, zoology or wildlife medicine, with demonstrated financial need and compassion for all animals.

Sponsored by the Fred and Geraldine Steffen Memorial Scholarship Fund

Brianna Huff

Brianna is a second-year student from Ringwood, Ill. She has a strong interest in exotic companion animals and zoological medicine. In the future, she hopes to work closely with clients and their pets, as well as zoos and wildlife rehabilitation centers.

Dr. Thomas B. Steffen Scholarship

For interest in small animal practice and determination to meet the challenges of meshing academic and work responsibilities; preference is given to a married male student from the Chicago suburbs.

Sponsored by the Dr. Thomas B. Steffen Scholarship Endowment Fund

Ryan Santangelo

Ryan is a first-year student from Glen Ellyn, Ill., with an interest in internal medicine. He hopes to join a small animal general practice in the Chicagoland area.

Students for Equal Access to Learning Scholarship (S.E.A.L.)

For a student with financial need.

Sponsored by the S.E.A.L. program

Valentina Poggi

Valentina is a third-year student from Villa Park, Ill. She is a driven and goal-oriented individual interested in an intimate atmosphere of mixed animal veterinary care that involves horses, dogs, and cats. She also has a keen interest in reproduction. Valentina wants to join a practice that offers opportunities for mentorship, business ownership, and community engagement to improve animal welfare and protection.

Nancy Koerner Sullivan and John Bruce Sullivan Jr. Scholarship

For first-year students as part of their recruitment to Illinois.

Sponsored by the Sullivan Scholarship Endowment Fund

Will be awarded in 2024

Thanks Mom and Dad Scholarship Fund

For students with a demonstrated financial need. Preference shall be given to a student that has declared a dependent on their FAFSA form.

Sponsored by Dr. Frederick Mulch

Shaina Ball-Douglas Tess Santoro

Shaina is a fourth-year student from Newburgh, N.Y., who wishes to pursue zoological and wildlife medicine and aid conservation efforts. She has been enjoying her clinical-year experiences, including externships at Yale University in lab animal medicine, Dickerson Park Zoo, and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

Tess, a first-year student from Homer Glen, Ill., is interested in companion animal general practice, especially focusing on felines and exotics, and is very passionate about the human-animal bond. She is highly involved in professional organizations, including the Student American Veterinary Medical Association and Chicago Veterinary Medical Association.

Carl and Libbie Thetford Scholarship

For a native of Jackson, Johnson, Saline, or Williamson counties interested in practicing small animal medicine.

Sponsored by the Carl and Libbie Thetford Endowment Fund

Lucas Daniels

Luke, a fourth-year student from Strasburg, Ill., has been involved with production medicine research and would like to combine research and cattle production in his career. He wants to have a large impact on global food animal production.

Dr. Michael P. and Catheran C. Thomas Scholarship

For a student interested in the science of veterinary medicine and involvement in organized veterinary medicine demonstrated by membership in AVMA and/or ISVMA. Demonstrated leadership skills with a strong work ethic, honesty, integrity and compassion. Preference given to a need based student.

Sponsored by Dr. Michael P. and Mrs. Catheran C. Thomas

Grace Wischmeyer

Gracie is a third-year student from Franklin Park, Ill. Although she isn't quite sure of her career goals, she is planning to pursue a small animal rotating internship after graduation with the hopes of specializing. Gracie is the third-year class representative, the president of two veterinary clubs, and the general manager of the 2023 SAVMA Symposium.

Edith Tomlinson Award

For a resident of northern Illinois or southern Wisconsin who has financial need and a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.

Sponsored by the Edith Tomlinson Endowment Fund

Hannah Emerick

Hannah is a third-year student from Winnebago, Ill. She is interested in small animal and zoological companion animal medicine and surgery. She is interested in private practice ownership and veterinary management and hopes to take on a leadership role in a clinic after graduation.

Vera Arvilla Traxler Scholarship

For a student in good academic standing who has an interest in small animals, specifically dogs.

Sponsored by the Vera Arvilla Traxler Endowment Fund

Paige Meily

Paige is a third-year student from State College, Pa., and is interested in small animal general practice. After graduation she hopes to work in a small animal practice closer to her family.

Dr. Deoki and Vidya Tripathy Scholarship Fund

The recipient should be an outstanding graduate student who developed or improved a vaccine or diagnostic test for a pathogen using an innovative molecular approach. The awardee will be based upon publication(s) in a peer reviewed journal or publication(s) accepted for publication in a peer review journal.

Sponsored by: Dr. and Mrs. Tripathy

Will be awarded in 2024

Unity Award

For a fourth-year student in the college who contributes to the diversity of the unit. Preference shall be given to students involved in or interested in student organizations at the university that promote the interests of people of color in society or aim to serve Black communities.

Sponsored by Dr. Stephanie Keating and Dr. Katherine Kling

Daisy Miranda

Daisy, a fourth-year student from Chicago, Ill., is interested in preventive medicine, soft tissue surgery, animal behavior, and shelter medicine. She looks forward to promoting general wellness care and education to clients at small animal practice in Chicagoland.

Austin L. Utterback, Jr., Memorial Scholarship

For a veterinary medicine student in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Austin L. Utterback, Jr., Memorial Endowment Fund

**Angela Bella Holly Black
Naomi Esquivel Jessica Franz
Courtney Wangler**

Angela, a first-year student from Tinley Park, Ill., is primarily interested in working with small animals in either a general practice or ER setting. She has gained interest in wildlife medicine after volunteering in the Wildlife Medical Clinic. She plans to practice around Chicago after graduation unless her interest in specializing takes her elsewhere.

Holly, a first-year student from Rockton, Ill., graduated from the University of South Dakota. She hopes to combine pathology and public health in her future career. This summer she will use her extensive research experience in tick ecology and tick-borne disease as a fellow in the Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Disease.

Naomi was born and raised in Chicago, Ill. A second-year student, she is on her way to becoming Dr. Esquivel. She hopes to create opportunities for underserved minority students interested in veterinary medicine and to work closely with animal rescues and animal shelters. Her career goal is to open an innovative animal hospital in Chicago that serves all companion animals.

Courtney, a third-year student, grew up on a dairy farm in West Branch, Mich., and plans to practice in rural Michigan. She spent the past few years working in swine research and completing externships focused on equine and dairy medicine, including a month-long rotation in Stephenville, Texas, at the Signature Equine Hospital. In her final year, she hopes to have rotations in bovine palpation and equine lameness.

VECCS Award For Proficiency in Emergency and Critical Care

The award is intended to be for a 4th year student who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment and exceptional proficiency in caring for emergency and critical care patients (regardless of species). Further, special consideration should be given to students who have been active and productive members of the local Chapter of SVECCS.

Sponsored by the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society

Grace Zukowski

Grace is a fourth-year student from Woburn, Mass. She fell in love with emergency medicine during her first-year ER rotation and hopes to pursue that as a career. In her free time, she enjoys walking with her Brittany spaniel, Archie, baking breads and sweets, and listening to true crime and wellness podcasts. She plans on completing a small animal rotating internship after graduation.

Veterinary Medicine Dean's Scholarship

For first-year students as part of their recruitment to Illinois.

Sponsored by the College of Veterinary Medicine

Will be awarded in 2024

Kathleen Werner Scholarship

For a female student with financial need who is in good academic standing.

Sponsored by the Kathleen Werner Endowment Fund

Gianna Alesia

Gianna is a second-year student from Carol Stream, Ill. Her favorite part of veterinary medicine is working with clients. She values forming relationships to gain trust and provide better veterinary care. She hopes to open her own small animal general practice and work with local animal rescues.

Whiteley Student Travel Fund

To provide travel funds for a second- and/or third-year student to present a paper or poster at either at the American College of Veterinary Pathologists Conference or the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians Conference.

Sponsored by Dr. Herbert Whiteley and Mrs. Yvette Whiteley

Will be awarded outside the awards and scholarships process.

Howard L. Whitmore and Borje K. Gustafsson International Dairy Award

To support second- through fourth-year students enrolled in and expected to complete the CVM – Master of Public Health program and to enhance international education in the veterinary curriculum.

Sponsored by the Howard L. Whitmore and Borje K. Gustafsson International Dairy Award Fund

Leah Nehila

Leah, a fourth-year student from Round Lake, Ill., will practice small animal medicine in Wisconsin after graduation. She is interested in anesthesiology, diagnostic imaging, soft tissue surgery, and senior pet care. She hopes to bring individualized anesthetic plans, thorough pain management approaches, and inclusive client education to her practice.

Stanley E. and Patricia H. Wojcicki Endowed Scholarship: Recruitment

For a DVM student, female gender preferred.

Sponsored by the Estate of Stanley E. and Patricia H. Wojcicki

Will be awarded in 2024

June Rae Abbott Wolk Scholarship

For character and merit with excellent veterinary skills, demonstrated heart-felt sensitivity to the physical and emotional needs of clients, a positive attitude, a persevering attitude, and a sincere love for and dedication to veterinary medicine.

Sponsored by the June Rae Abbott Wolk Scholarship Endowment Fund

Basia Reed

Basia, a third-year student from Lombard, Ill., plans to return to the Chicago suburbs after graduation. She is interested in small animal and companion exotic animal general practice. She has worked as a veterinary assistant but opts to forgo employment during the school year so she can focus on volunteering (at the Wildlife Medical Clinic) and studying.

Kenneth T. and Betty L. Wright Scholarship

For a student from west central Illinois; this scholarship is renewable.

Sponsored by the Kenneth T. and Betty L. Wright Scholarship Fund

Isaac Goldner

Dr. Ralph F. and Norma Lurtz Ziegler Scholarship

For a third- or fourth-year student, who intends to pursue a career in laboratory animal medicine.

Sponsored by Dr. Ralph F. and Norma Lurtz Ziegler Scholarship Fund

Kelly Kries

Kelly, a fourth-year student from Marine, Ill., aims to combine laboratory animal medicine, pathology, and research in her future career. She is guided by an interest in comparative biology, translational medicine, and animal welfare and plans to pursue a residency after a brief hiatus to care for her grandparents in St. Louis.

Zoetis Teaching Award

For a full-time faculty member with outstanding teaching ability as well as dedication, character, and leadership qualities, and contributions to the advancement of the profession.

Sponsored by Zoetis Animal Health

Dr. Clara Moran

Special recognition to our Class of 2023 Valedictorian and Salutarian

VALEDICTORIAN - Emma Przekwas

Sponsored by the ISVMA

Emma is a fourth-year student from Tinley Park, Ill. She is interested in small animal general practice and shelter medicine and is hoping to combine the two in her career. She is planning to work in small animal general practice in the Champaign area after graduation.

SALUTATORIAN - Rachel Angles

Sponsored by the donors of the College of Veterinary Medicine

Rachel is a fourth-year student from Bloomington, Ill. She is interested in zoological medicine.

Dean Scoggins Memorial Scholarship

Awarded outside of donor recognition awards and scholarships program.

Kira Conklin

Kira, a third-year student from Oakwood, Ill., has worked in small animal emergency medicine and has been involved in the equine industry for many years. She looks forward to a career that combines her interest in equine emergency and sports medicine and her passion for owner education.

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