## Fulton 4-H offers several college scholarships

*New Phillips Scholarship for the good that 4-H does* 

University of Illinois Extension's 4-H Program in Fulton County announces college scholarships being offered to Fulton County 4-H members.

Several scholarships, in various amounts, will be awarded to county 4-H members at his or her high school graduation or awards program.

One group of scholarships is given in memory of Hilda Rock, by her family. Mrs. Rock was a beloved 4-H leader in the Cuba area for many years.

The family of Gary Eathington will sponsor a \$500 scholarship to a member who has been enrolled in Beef and/or Crops 4-H projects, pursuing an Animal Science or Agriculture degree, preferably a student attending the University of Illinois. Gary was a 40-year 4-H leader from Avon, who passed away in 2012.

In memory of Roberta Mahr, a devoted former 4-H leader who passed away in 1997,

a \$100 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving 4-H member. The Roberta Mahr Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by the Farmington Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

In memory of Merle L. Jenkins, a dedicated 4-H supporter, the \$150 Merle L. Jenkins Agricultural Scholarship is also available, to be presented to a young person with an interest in agriculture. Mr. Jenkins, a 1939 graduate of the University of Illinois (B.S. Agriculture), was a long-time supporter of agriculture, youth, and education in Fulton County, including service on the Fulton County Fair Board and Lewistown School Board, agriculture teacher, and a life-long farmer in Fulton County. As an on-going tribute to Mr. Jenkins, family and friends established The Merle L. Jenkins Memorial Agricultural Scholarship to honor him for his great love of agriculture and education throughout his life.

The Virginia Barnard Memorial Scholarship will be given to one student, preferably a Canton High School student majoring in agriculture or home economics, and beginning studies at Spoon River College. This \$500 scholarship will be given as two \$250 payments over a two-year period.

New this year is the \$500 Phillips Scholarship, sponsored by Roger and Cathy Phillips of St. David. They believe in the good that 4-H does, and want to give back by helping a 4-H member with his/her education.

For each scholarship, the recipient must be a current Fulton County 4-H member; must also be an achievement member; and must actively participate in 4-H events. The application will include a place for the 4-H member to list accomplishments and career goals. The scholarships will be given to seniors in high school; therefore, these scholarships can only be received once by individuals.

To receive an application, contact University of Illinois Extension, Fulton County office, at 547-3711, or email jblout@illinois.edu, or write to 15411 N IL 100 Hwy, Suite C, Lewistown, IL 61542. The deadline for submitting an application is May 1, 2020.

## 2019 DIRTcar Racing Night of Champions

The 2019 DIRTcar Racing season officially came to a close on a Saturday night with an evening of reflection, good food and great times at the Springfield Crowne Plaza.

The big checks, tall trophies and engraved plaques handed out shone bright on the big stage, as did the drivers, crews, families and friends that come together at the track each and every year to take part in the sport they all love.

Morey Denney took the stage to accept the 2019 DIRTcar Track of the Year Award, given to Spoon River Speedway. He, along with Brad Denny are Fulton County Farm Bureau members, and owners of the track in rural Liverpool, which partners with the



Farm Bureau several times a year for special events at the track and for their members.

