



Gage Woodard receives a \$2,000 USCHI Memorial Scholarship from USCHI Scholarship Committee Chairperson Carlene Schemper. 3-DEERPHOTOS.COM

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Maize, Kan.

Parents: Gerald and Leslye Woodard

Recipient of \$2,000 USCHI Memorial Scholarship

Gage's parents have a feed, lawn, garden, and more store and he started running a forklift for the business at age 7. His grandparents were farmers, and their farm was where he learned the importance of hard work and where he first gained the knowledge of how to run large equipment. Three years ago, at age 16, he began working for his uncle Lloyd Schneider's custom harvesting crew. He operated a combine and said the job is not a good fit for everyone as it can become boring and the hours are very long. He said he learned many valuable lessons from harvesting, and without the long hours and hard work with harvesting that gave him his work ethic, he would not be who he is today.

While in high school, Gage was on the football team for three years, was in choir and Pep Club, and also was in Friendship Club, where he worked with special-needs students. He was a longtime member of 4-H. His college activities at Kansas State include being in a fraternity and participating in homecoming activities, Adopt-A-Highway and Cash for Cans. He has also volunteered in many ways in his community.

His goal is to graduate from Kansas State with a degree in agricultural economics.