

NACAA Scholarship Award

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Educational Experience Report

Thank you for awarding me a \$500 scholarship to use towards receiving my certification as a Society of Human Resource Management-Certified Professional! I purchased the Learning Modules for the certification test this fall with my scholarship funds. Not only will I use these Learning Modules to help me prepare for the certification exam but I will also use the information contained within them to create educational materials for use with farm managers and owners across Wisconsin. Along with two of my UW-Extension colleagues, we are updating a new curriculum, *Becoming the Employer of Choice*, for educators and other agriculture professionals to use with farm clientele. The learning modules I was able to access through the funds from this scholarship are very helpful in building this curriculum. The material will also give me an opportunity to increase my expertise in foundational human resource management and provide me the formal education necessary to establish credibility in the field. I am starting to work on a HRM for Farmers toolkit, using the information I learn from the learning modules, which I will share via on our Ag HRM Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AgHRM/>) and on the UWEX For You Information page (<https://fyi.uwex.edu/ag-human-resources/>). I will use the winter to study and take the certification exam in the spring during the next round of test dates.