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Tonnessen Awarded NDU Member/Dependent Scholarship

BISMARCK, N.D. – Kristi Tonnessen, of Towner, N.D., has been awarded an NDU Member/Dependent Scholarship from the North Dakota United Foundation for the 2015-16 year. Tonnessen, the daughter of Pamela and Terry Tonnessen, Towner, will receive a cash award of \$1,000 for her senior year of Agriculture Education study. NDU Member/Dependent Scholarships are awarded to a member, including student members or dependents of an NDU member, who is pursuing post-secondary education in any field of study, including vocational, associate or bachelor's degree programs.

Tonnessen is pursuing a degree in Agriculture Education from North Dakota State University. Her goal is to become an agriculture teacher and an FFA advisor. She has been on the dean's list for six semesters. She is a North Dakota FFA state officer and an active volunteer on the national level, as well as being a member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club and 89th Little International Queen, and participated on the NDSU dairy judging team and the Bison Dairy Club.

North Dakota United is the state's largest professional association of public educators and employers. Membership includes over 11,000 K-12 school teachers and support staff, higher education faculty and staff, city, county and state employees, retirees and students pursuing a degree in education. The purpose of the NDU Foundation is to promote educational excellence and quality public service in North Dakota. The Foundation's goal is to aid educators, public servants and students in achieving greater educational success. The Foundation accomplishes this by providing grants and scholarships to individual educators, public servants and college students, to use toward continuing education and developing skills.

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