

Garrett Korte Receives 2023-2024 Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship

October 31, 2023 (MANHATTAN, Kan.) – Garrett Korte of Latham, Kansas, a senior majoring in agribusiness at Kansas State University, has been awarded the Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship through the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University.

Garrett Korte believes in hard work and his faith is very important to him. He maintains high academic standards while being actively involved in Christian Challenge and working two jobs, as a student assistant at K-State Admissions as well as a student manager for the Kansas State Men’s Basketball Team. Garrett helps with the family farm and coaches a middle school basketball team each summer. He recently got married and upon graduating in May 2024, Garrett plans to return to the family farm, work as a broker and coach basketball. The Korte family is affiliated with the following cooperatives: American AgCredit, Frontier Farm Credit and MKC.

The Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship has awarded \$117,000 in scholarships since its establishment in 2005. “The scholarship was established to honor and perpetuate the memory of the contribution of Otis and Mary Lee Molz and to encourage an interest in the formation, operation, management, leadership and economics of and participation in all types of cooperatives, including agricultural, financial, electric, telephone, housing and consumer cooperatives,” states Professor Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. “It’s also to provide significant financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in educational programs emphasizing these areas of study.”

To be eligible for the Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship, a student must be either a junior or senior in K-State’s College of Agriculture at the time the scholarship is received and be affiliated as a member or as a child or dependent of a member of a Kansas agricultural marketing, supply or service cooperative that is a member of the Kansas Cooperative Council. Continuing K-State students are encouraged to fill out the K-State scholarship application to be included in the university scholarship process for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The Otis and Mary Lee Molz Cooperative Scholarship is funded by contributions made to the KSU Foundation. Contributions have been made by Otis and Mary Lee Molz, their family and friends in the

cooperative community. “Additional contributions by those who want to honor Otis and Mary Lee Molz and support the purposes of the scholarship are welcome,” Dr. Briggeman said. They should be made payable to “KSU Foundation/Molz” and sent to the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, 305 Waters Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506.

About the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center

The Arthur Capper Cooperative Center provides research-based information, education, and assistance to people with an interest in cooperative businesses, including cooperative members, directors, managers, and employees. The Center also works with students and faculty at educational institutions, the general public, and public officials as well as owners, directors, managers, and employees of agribusinesses. Further information can be obtained about this scholarship or about establishing additional scholarships by emailing Brian Briggeman at bbrigg@ksu.edu or visiting the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center website at <http://accc.k-state.edu/>.

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