

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation announced during the Nebraska Cattlemen annual convention and trade show the establishment of two new youth scholarship funds—the Colonel Melvin Huss Memorial and the Clarence and Lois Jean Hartmann scholarship funds.

Colonel Melvin Huss was a well-known auctioneer, cattleman and livestock market owner. Huss got his start in the livestock marketing business in the Omaha Stockyards, attended auctioneer school in Mason City, Iowa, and then moved to McCook where he auctioned at the livestock market.

Huss managed the Oberlin, Kan. Livestock Market and the Lexington Livestock Market which he later purchased along with the Kearney Livestock Market. He attributed the success of the livestock markets to his loyal and dedicated wife, Delores, his partners, employees and his loyal customers and buyers.

A \$25,000 endowed memorial scholarship account had been created by the family to honor him. This fund will provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship to a student at the University of Nebraska Lincoln majoring in Animal Science with an emphasis in beef production.

The Clarence and Lois Jean Hartmann scholarship fund is being established with an initial donation of \$10,000 from the Nebraska Cattlemen beef pit committee. /hartman passed away on Nov. 8 at the age of 87.

The couple farmed and fed cattle for over 50 years in the Hooper area. Clarence was very active in the Dodge County Cattlemen, Nebraska Cattlemen, and National Cattlemen's Beef Association, holding several offices and directorships.

They also were on the original committee that established the Nebraska Cattlemen's beef pit at the Nebraska State Fair and worked the beef pit for many years.

This fund, once fully endowed at the \$25,000 level, will provide an annual \$1,000 scholarship a high school senior or college student enrolled or intending to enroll full time in any college or university that offers a bachelor degree, an approved vocation or trade school, or a state accredited junior college.

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