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Dear Selection Committee,

It's truly a pleasure to offer this letter of recommendation on behalf of Emma Newell, an outstanding alumna of the 4-H program and one of the most responsible, driven college students I've had the pleasure to work alongside. Emma is a dynamic leader with strong foundations in agriculture who has helped shape National 4-H Council's inaugural Youth Advisory Committee. She would be a worthy recipient of an Ohio Soybean Council Foundation Scholarship.

Emma exhibits a life-long commitment to agriculture. Since her early years in Ohio 4-H, she has engaged in agricultural projects, from showing animals to assisting with agriculture education in inner city schools. As a student at the Ohio State University, Emma studies Agricultural Communications and is a member of the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow Club. She recently represented Ohio State at the Agriculture Future of America Leaders Conference and serves as an advisor teaching 4-H'ers to show and train their animals.

I met Emma in 2017 when she was selected for the 11-member Youth Advisory Committee from a pool of applicants across the United States. I quickly learned that Emma was a sharp, tenacious and visionary leader who has made a significant impact on the Committee's foundation. As Alumni Acquisition cohort chair, Emma led the committee to conduct research to understand how the 4-H program can best serve young alumni. Her tremendous leadership to the committee resulted in more than 1,000 responses to the cohort's research survey. She has since represented the Committee in front of 4-H leaders from across the country to share these findings.

Emma is a remarkable ambassador for 4-H, working alongside National 4-H Council to steward more than \$13 million by providing youth voice and helping to grow deeper relationships with corporate and foundation partners. She was an excellent ambassador for 4-H at the Global Food Security Symposium and at meetings with Comcast Senior Vice President, David Cohen, and Nationwide President & Chief Operating Officer, Mark Berven. She consistently demonstrates a commitment to professionalism, sincerity and passion for the 4-H program, making her a noteworthy representative of our organization.

Emma's leadership, prior experience and personal passion would make her an excellent recipient.

Sincerely,

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