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**LAPPE NAMED FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

**Nicole Lappe**, of Aviston, is one of five recipients of the 2016 Farm Credit Illinois Family Scholarship, administered by the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois. Each scholar receives $3,000 to use towards beginning or continuing their college education. The selection criteria emphasizes scholastic achievement, leadership and community contributions, career vision and goals, and financial need.

Applicants for the Family Scholarship are 26 years of age or younger, the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit Illinois employees, and will be enrolled as full-time students in the fall of 2016.

Nicole will be a freshman at Maryville University studying nursing. She will graduate from Central Community High School in May and is the daughter of Richard Lappe Jr. and Carla Lappe (Vice President, FCI Highland).

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**About the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois:**

The Community Foundation of East Central Illinois is a publically-supported 501(c)(3) tax-exempt philanthropic organization created in 1972 to encourage and receive contributions establishing endowments for the long-term benefit of east central Illinois. Because the funds are endowed, they are permanently invested to produce income that is used to meet charitable needs of the community. The Community Foundation is independently governed by 15 Trustees serving without compensation and chosen for their knowledge of the community and their expertise in the areas of management necessary to carry out the functions of the Foundation. *For more information, visit* [***www.cfeci.org***](http://www.cfeci.org).

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