

**MONTANA FFA  
FOUNDATION**

**2018  
Annual Report**



STATE OFFICERS

2018 - 2019 Montana FFA State Officers



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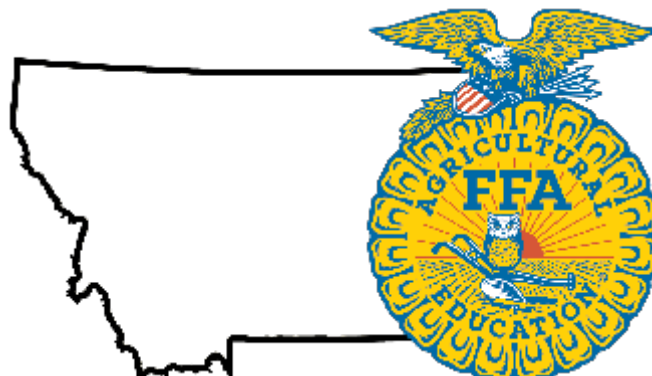
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# Dear Friends,

In 2018, the Montana FFA Foundation celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the course of the past two decades, our Foundation has grown from just an idea and has blossomed into a support mechanism for our over 5,000 Montana FFA members in 97 local FFA chapters by raising over \$400,000, annually.

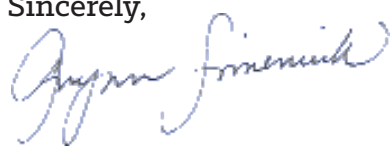
As we look back on this milestone, we want to recognize all of our donors, both new and those who have been with us since the beginning, for investing in Agricultural Education and developing future Montana leaders. Through your generous donations, we are able to impact FFA members in the following ways:

- **Leadership Development** – FFA offers a wide variety of opportunities for leadership development and personal growth in our FFA members. Our Montana FFA members participate in career-focused contests, leadership workshops and sessions, and learn about career opportunities from our partners at events held throughout the year including the State FFA Convention, District Leadership Seminars, John Deere Ag Expo, the Agricultural Opportunities Tour, and Torgerson's GOLD Conference.
- **Personal Growth through Scholarships and Grants** – Expanding from our Bulls for Blue grant that provides funds to FFA members who wish to start or expand their Beef Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), the Montana FFA Foundation has begun awarding SAE grants in any area from Ag Communications to Repair & Maintenance for students who are seeking to develop these entrepreneurial work-based learning projects.
- **Local Chapter Support** – We continue to provide funds for service projects for FFA chapters to give back to their communities. For the first year, the Montana FFA Foundation has also begun supporting Agricultural Education teachers' needs in the classroom including curriculum, instructional equipment and technology, and professional development through our new Emerge Education program.

It is clear that the hard work and commitment from our supporters throughout our history has allowed the idea of providing additional support in developing the next generation of Montana leaders to come to fruition. However, we still have much work to do. Our vision continues to look for ways to sustain and grow our support for Montana's young leaders over the next 20 years. Your support is integral in continuing to provide resources to meet the needs for leadership development, personal growth, and local chapter support for all schools in the Montana FFA Association.

Thank you for your continued investment in Agricultural Education and the future leaders of Montana.

Sincerely,



**Gwynn Simeniuk**  
*Executive Director*

Montana FFA Foundation



**Curt Robbins**  
*President*

Montana FFA Foundation



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# Montana FFA Foundation Staff



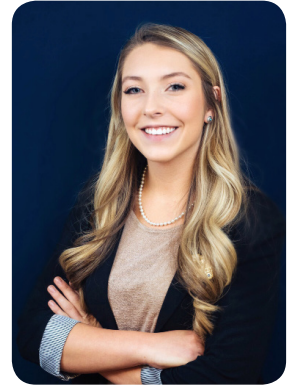
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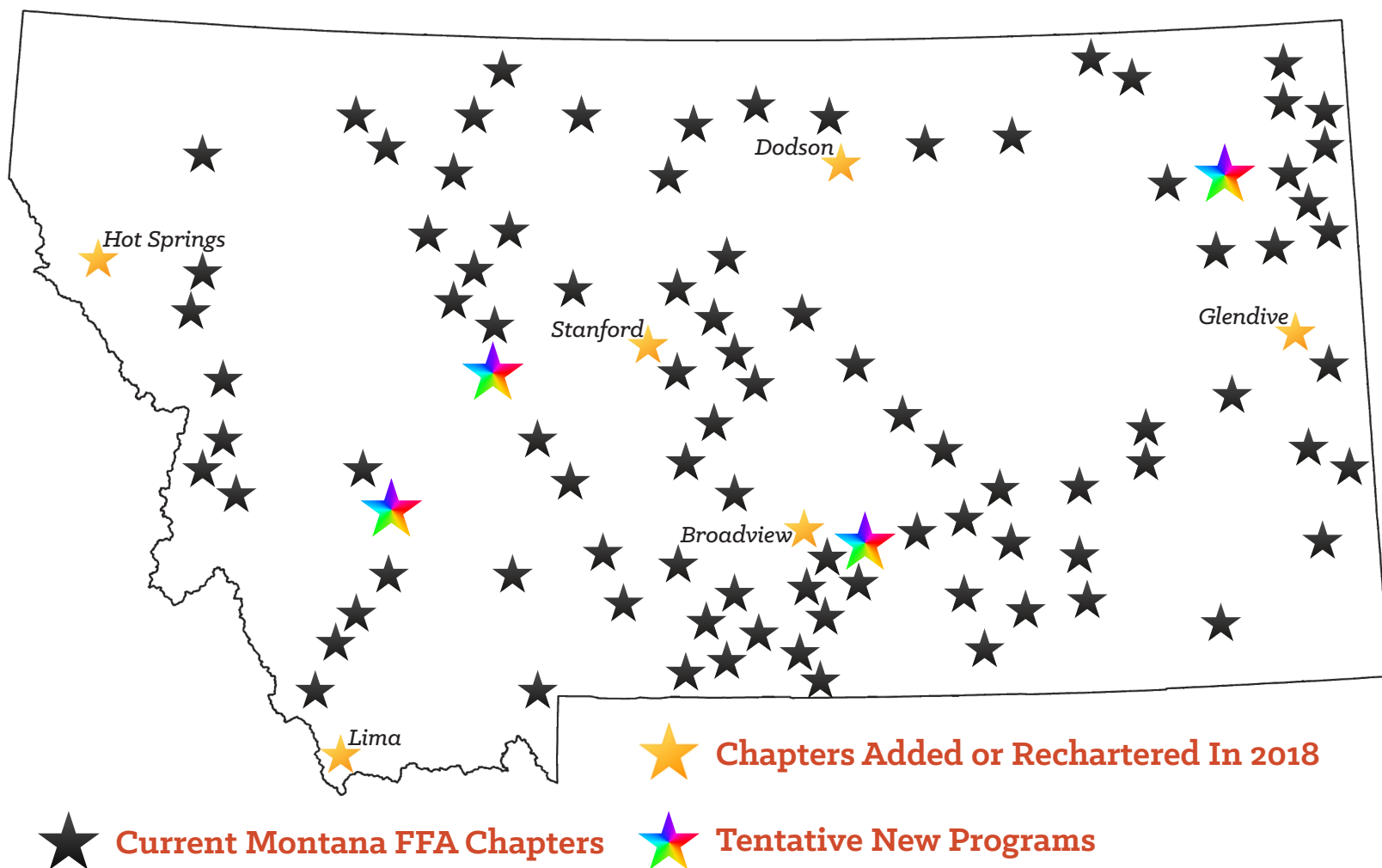
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# MONTANA AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

## A Year of Growth



# 97 Montana FFA Chapters

From 8 Diverse Districts

# 5,000+ Montana FFA Members

Enrolled in High School Agricultural Education Programs

# \$7.86 Million Earned & Invested

From Supervised Agricultural Experiences

## How Montana FFA Stacks Up



### 35 American Degree Recipients

From 20 Chapters

### 2 Top 10 National CDE Teams

**Broadwater FFA 3<sup>rd</sup> in Livestock Evaluation**

*Abby Leachman - Top 10 Individual*

**Ruby Valley FFA 6<sup>th</sup> in ATMS (Ag Mechanics)**

*Tyler Haag - Top 10 Individual*



OCT. 24–27, 2018 | INDIANAPOLIS  
91ST NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION & EXPO



### 3 National Star Chapters

**Beaverhead, Kalispell, Shepherd**

50 YEARS OF WOMEN IN FFA

# Montana FFA History

<b>Oct. 17, 1969</b> <i>42<sup>nd</sup> National FFA Convention</i> <i>Delegates Moved to Allow Female Membership</i>	
	<b>1972</b> <i>Montana FFA's First Female State Star Greenhand</i> <i>Cindy Klessens   Red Lodge FFA</i>
<b>1973</b> <i>Montana FFA's First State Sweetheart</i> <i>Colleen Barnard   Saco FFA</i>	
	<b>1975</b> <i>Montana FFA's First Female State Officer</i> <i>Cindy Klessens   Red Lodge FFA</i>
<b>1977</b> <i>Montana's First Female Advisor</i> <i>Donna Berg   Melstone</i>	
	<b>1979</b> <i>First Female Advisor Trained in Montana</i> <i>Cindy Klessens   Deer Lodge</i>
<b>1980</b> <i>Montana's First Female State Alumni Officer</i> <i>Pat Cavey</i>	
	<b>1981</b> <i>Montana FFA's 1<sup>st</sup> Female American Degree Recipient</i> <i>Valerie Stevenson   Hobson FFA</i>
<b>1986</b> <i>Montana FFA's First Female State Star Farmer</i> <i>Barbara Walling   Winifred FFA</i>	
	<b>1989</b> <i>Montana FFA's First Female State President</i> <i>Sara Hougen   Melstone FFA</i>
<b>1989</b> <i>Montana FFA's Last State Sweetheart</i> <i>Misti Peterson   Park FFA</i>	
	<b>1990</b> <i>Montana's First Female State Alumni President</i> <i>Wendy McKamey</i>
<b>1996</b> <i>Montana FFA's First Female State Advisor</i> <i>Sandra Germann</i>	
	<b>2005</b> <i>Montana FFA's 1<sup>st</sup> Female Foundation Director</i> <i>Raylee St. Onge</i>

45% Of Montana FFA Members

Are Female

39/104 Montana FFA Advisors

Are Women

63% Of Montana FFA State Officers

Are Female | Nationally 64% of State Officers Are Female

MT Data Pulled From The Last 5 Teams



## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

# State Officer Continuum

Following election, state officers embark on a journey of growth, leadership, and service directed through 11 key areas of focus. While each state's journey features customized variations, the National FFA Organization supports states and their officers through a blended learning model including face-to-face training experiences, digital/print resources, and online education through the State Officer Academy - all of this to guide in the development of world-ready leaders.

**Initial Training (Montana Only)** - Officers learn about what their year of service will entail, and meet with numerous stakeholders. During this time, officers will also be briefed on media communication, goal setting, and create the theme for Montana FFA's coming year.

**Base Camp** - Base Camp is a standard three-day experience for all state FFA officers. Focus areas include sound character, positive influence, professionalism, and time management. Additionally, this experience enrolls students into the entire State Officer Leadership Continuum and the State Officer Academy learning management system.

**Checkpoint** - Checkpoints include up to two additional in-state training experiences. These experiences can cover the following focus areas: successful workshops, public speaking, conversation skills, and team dynamics.

**State Officer Summit** - Held in Washington D.C. each July, this three-day advocacy training experience that is open to all 375 state FFA officers. Training will focus on serving as an advocate for agriculture and FFA, as well as developing clear and consistent messages related to agriculture and FFA.

## 375 FFA State Officers

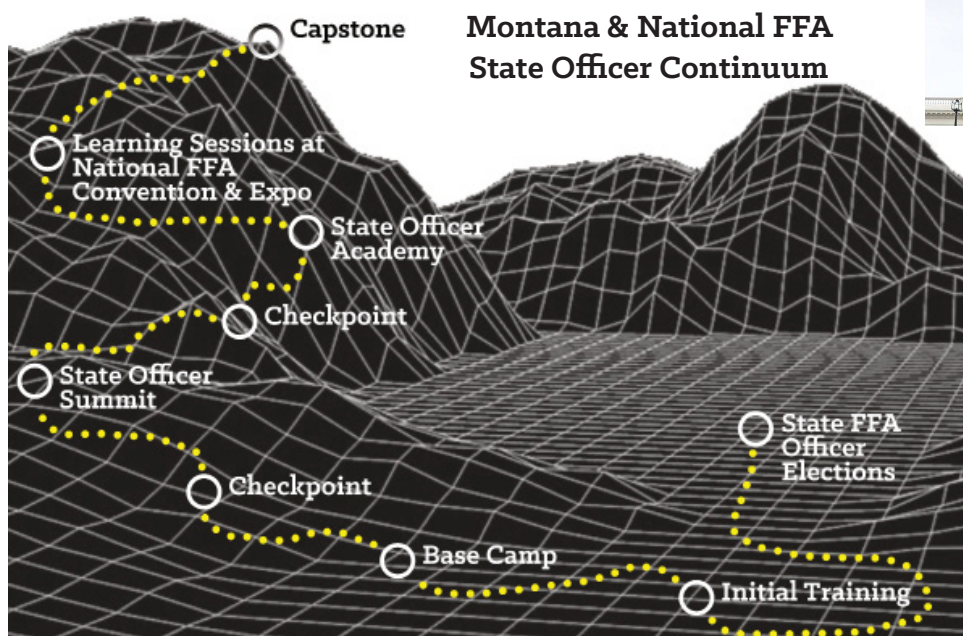
Nationwide Each Year

## 1 Out Of 2,000

## 50% Of State Officers

Live on Farms

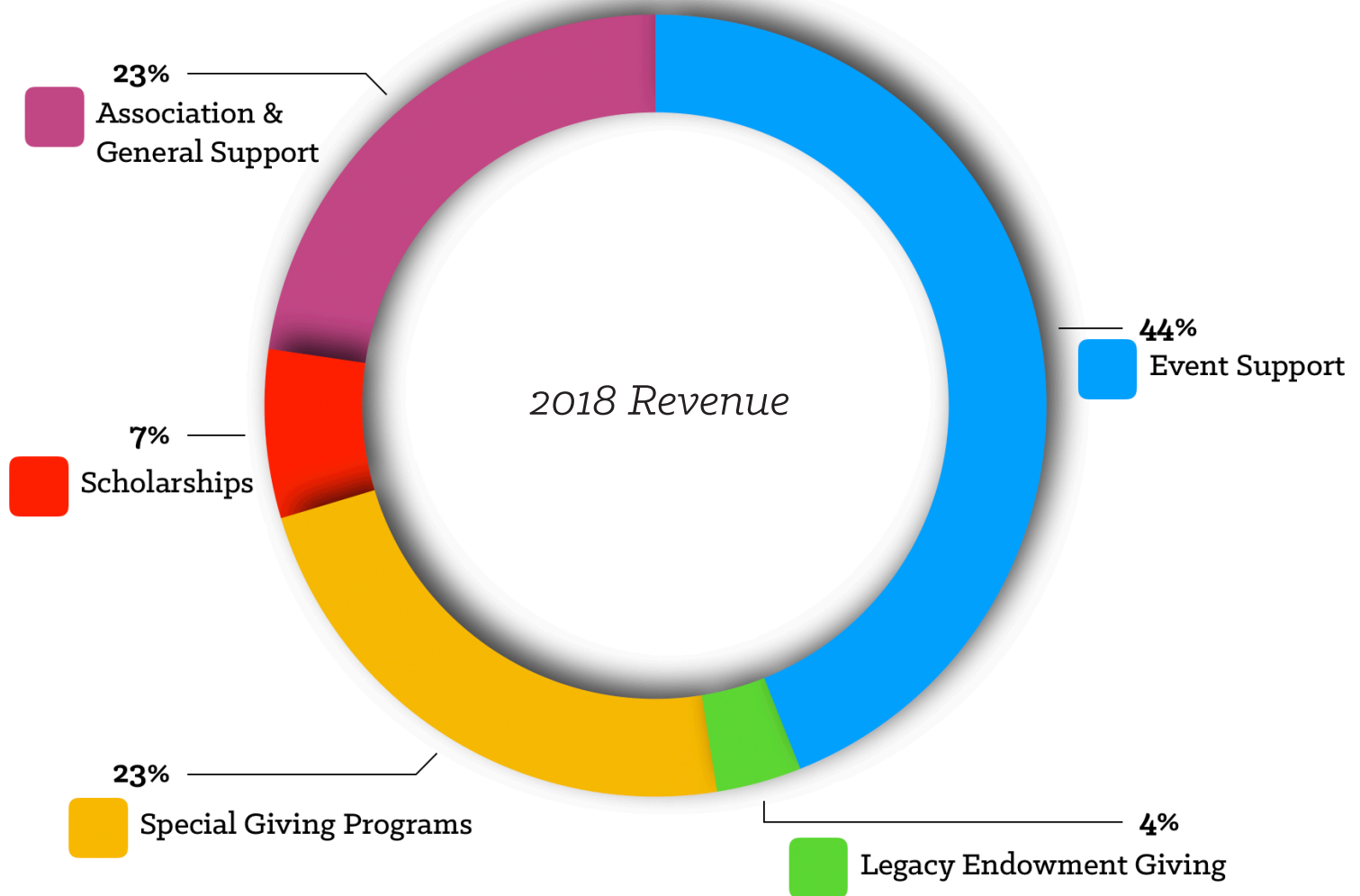
Members Will Become A State Officer



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Revenues

Revenues By Year	2018	2017
Event Support	\$187,551	\$174,314
Association & General Support	\$96,746	\$67,608
Scholarships	\$29,750	\$39,550
Special Giving Programs	\$97,577	\$62,949
Legacy Endowment Giving	\$15,028	\$46,400
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$426,652</i>	<i>\$390,821</i>

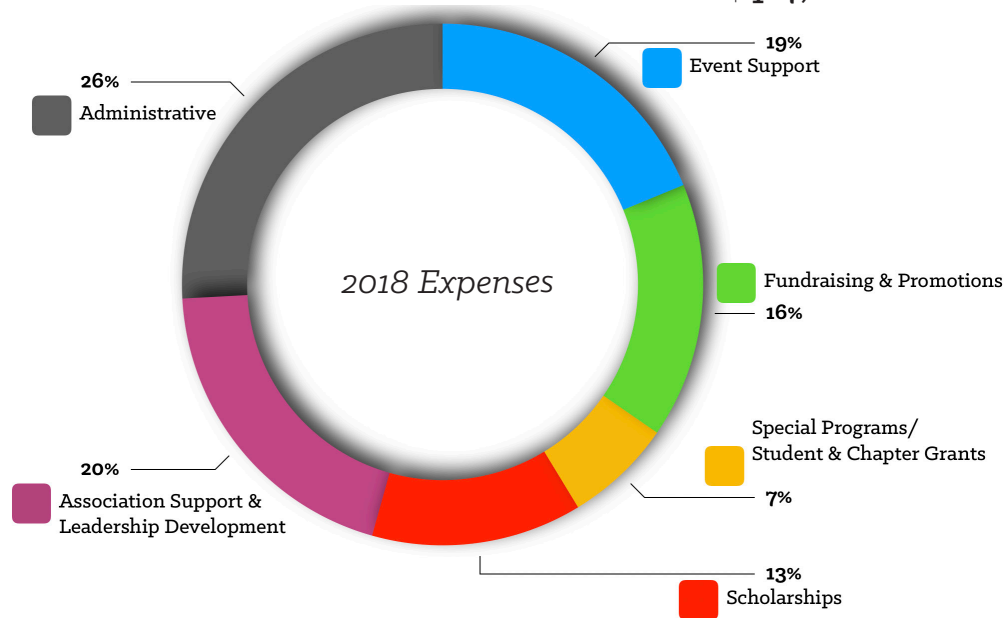


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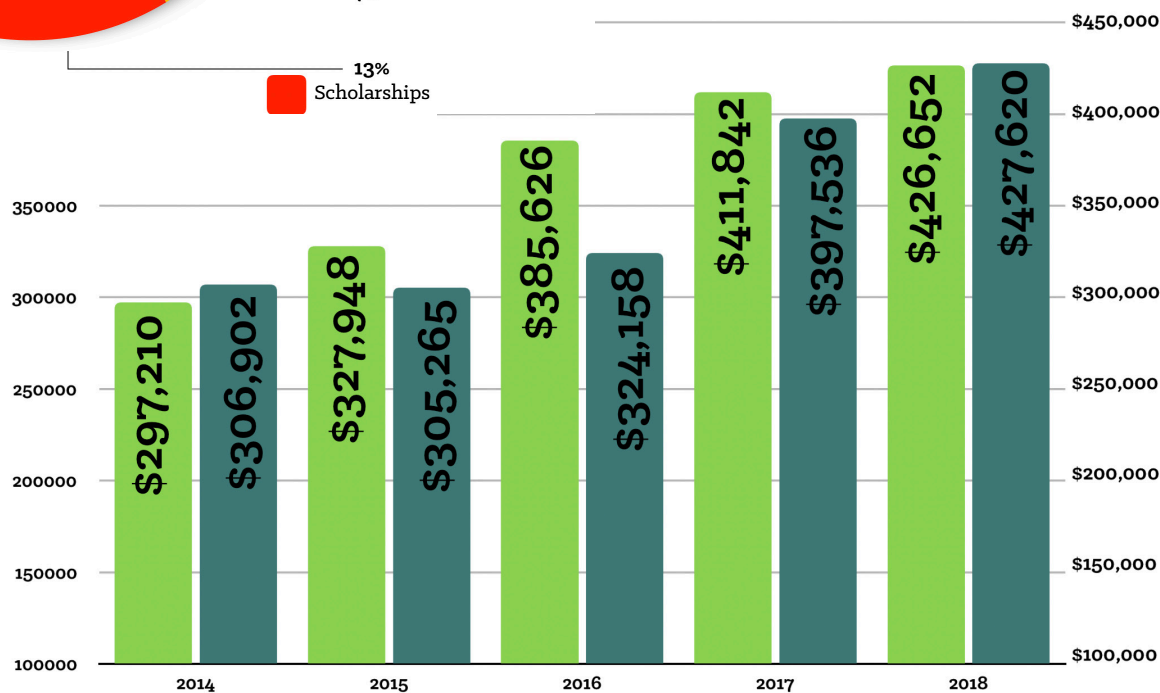
### Expenses

#### Expenses By Year

	2018	2017
Event Support	\$80,268	\$82,098
Scholarships	\$55,884	\$39,178
Special Programs/ Student & Chapter Grants	\$28,560	\$21,447
Association Support/ Leadership Development	\$84,580	\$51,994
Administrative	\$110,578	\$171,285
Fundraising & Promotions	\$67,750	\$19,686
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$427, 620</b>	<b>\$385,688</b>



Revenue & Expenses  
for  
2014 - 2018





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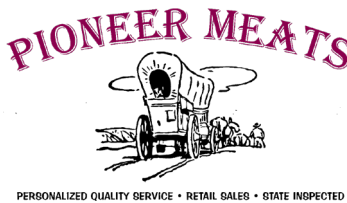


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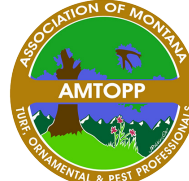
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