USPOULTRY Foundation Awards $2,100 Student Recruitment Grant to Eastern Oklahoma State College

TUCKER, Ga. – Jan. 10, 2019 – The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded a $2,100 student recruitment grant to Eastern Oklahoma State College. The grant was made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Simmons Foods. The check was presented by John Starkey, president of U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) to Eddie Woods, professor, and Brandon Hooper, student, at Eastern Oklahoma State College.

The school’s service area encompasses a large portion of Oklahoma’s poultry industry including numerous producers and major processing plants and is near the vast poultry industry of western Arkansas. The funds will be used to recruit and expose students to the opportunities available in the poultry industry, including industry tours and attending the College Student Career Program at the International Production & Processing Expo.

The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded recruiting grants totaling $328,300 for the 2018-19 school year to 34 colleges and universities across the United States with either a poultry science department or a poultry studies program. The student recruiting program dates to 1994 when the USPOULTRY board of directors established the Foundation to provide annual recruiting funds to attract students to poultry studies and ultimately into careers in the poultry industry.

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The USPOULTRY Foundation's mission is to support the recruitment and training of the brightest students, seek and fund scientific research, foster student scientists, and promote careers in the poultry and egg industry.
Photo Caption:
John Starkey (right), president of USPOULTRY, presenting the $2,100 grant check to Eddie Woods, left, and Brandon Hooper, middle.