



# Washington Association of Wheat Growers

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## **Shaley Tiegs and Angelina Widman selected as Washington's Wheat Ambassadors**

(Ritzville, Wash., November 11, 2022) Two high school seniors have been selected to represent Washington wheat farmers and will serve as the Washington Wheat Ambassadors for the upcoming year. Shaley Tiegs of Fairfield and Angelina Widman of Rosalia were selected after an initial written application process that included submitting a short introductory video.

Tiegs and Widman will each be giving a speech at the upcoming Washington Association of Wheat Growers Annual Banquet on November 30th in Coeur d'Alene during the Tri-State Grain Growers Convention. The seniors will be judged on the quality of their presentation and will be awarded scholarships funded by the Washington Wheat Foundation of \$5,000 and \$4,500. Tiegs and Widman will represent Washington wheat farmers at various civic and community events and will also participate in WAWG advocacy meetings with state agencies and legislators.

Tiegs is the daughter of Brian and Rachel Tiegs. A student at Liberty High School, Shaley maintains nearly a 4.0 GPA and is very involved in her FFA chapter. She is currently the chapter reporter, has volunteered for several community events and has been a member of several state competitions placing FFA teams throughout her experience. Shaley is also active in National Honor Society as an officer and plays on the varsity volleyball team. She has been active on her family's wheat farm her entire life and enjoys being involved. She plans on studying agronomy at a four-year university.

Widman is the daughter of Allen and Emmy Widman and their family farm is near Rosalia. Angelina is in her second year of Running Start working towards her associate degree and has kept a 4.0 GPA. Her family's farm includes chickens and turkeys in additions to grain crops. Angelina is an active member of FFA and placed third in state prepared public speaking. She loves to run and bake – especially with her family's own milled flour—as well as enjoying hunting. She also volunteers at her church. Angelina plans to attend University of Idaho and will study animal and vet science production or business next fall.

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About WAWG: Education and outreach are the heart of Washington Association of Wheat Growers activity, all of which is aimed at helping Washington wheat families. Since 1954, WAWG has been dedicated to the enrichment of the Washington wheat industry as a nonprofit trade association, which depends on volunteers, membership dues and donations to carry out activities as representatives on the state and national levels. WAWG monitors state, transportation, research and natural resources policy and partners with the National Association of Wheat Growers to monitor national farm policy. Visit [www.wawg.org](http://www.wawg.org) for more information. For more information on this or other related issues, please contact Michelle Hennings, Executive Director of Washington Association of Wheat Growers at, 509-659-0610, [michelle@wawg.org](mailto:michelle@wawg.org) Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Washington-Association-of-Wheat-Growers-194847140538562> Twitter: @WAWheatGrowers