

Louisiana – 2009



Home: Monroe, LA
Nominated by: Louisiana 4-H
Year Inducted: 2009

Tom Scott Scott Truck & Tractor Company, 4-H Donor

Efforts: Established the Scott Tractor Company Scholarship Program that provides scholarships to 4-H members in all 64 LA parishes and 25 counties in neighboring states. Funded building of the Scott Research & Extension Center in Winnsboro, LA.

Honors: Selected to the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame. Named a title sponsor for the Northeast District 4-H Livestock Show. President of the National Equipment Dealers Association, President of South Equipment Dealers Association, first President of Monroe Jaycees, President of Monroe Chamber of Commerce, member of Monroe School Board, and St. Jude's Children Hospital.

On the 50th year of the Scott Truck & Tractor Company, Tom committed to provide an annual scholarship of \$500 to a Louisiana graduating 4-H senior in each of the north parishes served by a Scott dealership. Twenty years later, \$1500 scholarships go to all 64 parishes and another 25 counties in Arkansas and Mississippi totaling \$133,500 annually. The Scott Tractor Company Scholarship encompasses the 4-H areas of project work including leadership and citizenship involvement. Prior to his death, Tom made certain the donations for 4-H scholarships would continue and increase in the future.

The Scott Foundation provides support to the LSU AgCenter's Northeast District Livestock Show and several parish livestock shows. Tom's donation also helped to build the Scott Research & Extension Center in Winnsboro, which houses the Regional 4-H Coordinator who serves thirteen parishes. It has a large meeting room for meetings and distance education classes as well as 4-H programs, trainings and events that impact 4-H youth and adult volunteers.

Quote: Youth are the generation that needs encouragement and support to succeed. I grew up poor, but always remembered the encouragement and support received from everyone. After being involved in 4-H for over 50 years, it's the best avenue to affect youth and provides the most direct link to youth and their families. I enjoy and support all areas of 4-H, but strongly believe in the development of 4-H members through the organization. Any youth receiving a scholarship is required to be a 4-H member and involved in the program. 4-H does make a difference in the lives of our youth.