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When I am giving a talk about the future of beef production or sustainability, I use W.D. Farr’s water law involvement as a wonderful example regarding how those of us in the beef industry care about our future and we are the true “boots on the ground” individuals when it comes to topics such as this. Without winning this scholarship, I would sadly have missed out on so much history that guides me today!

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Receiving this generous scholarship eased the financial burden of tuition, allowing me to focus on my graduate studies and research projects at Texas Tech University. Additionally, this scholarship supported my participation in an international research collaboration and fellowship program. This valuable academic training and unique research experiences allowed me to pursue a career in which I am able to develop and implement leading biotechnology solutions to better serve beef and other livestock producers.

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