



“The Future of Agriculture” 2012 Scholarship Application

Note: Before completing, read the instructions and DO NOT attach supplemental materials or place the application in any type of binder or cover. A typewritten application or a MS Word Document is preferred. All information given on this application will be kept strictly confidential. Scholarship recipients will be chosen by an independent committee which may include board members and patrons of the cooperative. If you have questions, please contact Katrina Trobee at 402-387-2811 or ktrobee@frcoop.com.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be a high school senior graduating in the spring of 2012 from a school within Farmers Ranchers Cooperative’s trade area. (This is defined as the following counties in Nebraska: Blaine, Brown, Cherry, Grant, Hooker, Keya Paha, Rock, and Thomas; and in South Dakota: Todd and Tripp.)
- Applicant must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must plan on attending an accredited post-secondary school pursuing a career in agriculture or entering an ag-related field of study.
- Dependents of directors and officers of Farmers Ranchers Cooperative are not eligible to apply for these scholarships.

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

Your application must include:

- This completed application form
- Two completed character reference forms from current or former employers, school officials, agribusiness leaders, mentors, etc. References should not be written by employees of Farmers Ranchers Cooperative.
- Signature of school official verifying status as graduating senior
- **Applications must be postmarked or dropped off by March 1st to:**
Farmers Ranchers Cooperative
ATTN: Katrina Trobee
224 South Main
Ainsworth, NE 69210
- For other Ag-Related Scholarships please visit these websites:
 - CHS Foundation scholarships - www.chsfoundation.org
 - Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation Scholarship Program - <http://www.nebr.coop>
 - Winfield Solutions Croplan Genetics Careers in Agriculture Scholarship <http://www.croplangenetics.com/NEWSRELEASES/ECMD016147.aspx>

STUDENT INFORMATION

		Date	
Name - Last, First, Middle		Age	Area Code Telephone No.
Address - YOU CAN BE NOTIFIED AT Street, P.O. Box, or Route		Town	State Zip Code
Name of Father/Guardian		Name of Mother/Guardian	
Address of Parent/Guardian if different than yours		Area Code	Telephone
High School Attended		Town	State Zip Code
Vocational School or College you will attend		Town	State Zip Code
Expected course of study	Current GPA	Class Rank	

TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

This is to certify that _____ will be a graduating senior during the 2011-2012 school year from _____

School Name

Signature & Title

Date

What are your career goals upon graduation?

What College or University have you selected, and why?

Describe any agriculture-related or leadership programs or projects you have been involved in in high school or elsewhere.

Describe your current involvement in other leadership activities.

Describe any work experience you have had over the past four years. (Include both farm and non-farm employment and activities, along with any amusing stories which have resulted from your employment.)

“THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE”

In your opinion, why are cooperatives important to agriculture? What role do you see cooperatives taking in the future of agriculture?

Explain why you are pursuing a career in agriculture. Please take special care in answering this question since this essay will be given considerable attention by the Selection Committee.

To the best of my knowledge, the material contained in this application is true and complete.

If I am selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I give my consent to Farmers Ranchers Cooperative to disclose my name for use in press releases and other communications promoting the Farmers Ranchers Cooperative Scholarship Program.

Signature

Date



Farmers Ranchers Cooperative Scholarship Character Evaluation

NOTE TO STUDENT: Have two people complete separate copies of this evaluation form. These references must not be relatives or Farmers Ranchers Cooperative employees. These references need not be school officials.

NOTE TO EVALUATOR: We would appreciate your observations and opinions about the applicant in the following areas. Your evaluation will be given considerable attention by the selection committee. Please be as specific and objective as possible. Include specific examples when possible. *This information will be treated in a confidential and professional manner.*

Cooperation: Consider willingness and ability to work with people in various capacities.

Leadership, Initiative, Industry: Consider resourcefulness, ingenuity, and ability to motivate people.

Reliability, Judgment and Common Sense: Consider ability and foresight in making everyday decisions, ethics, dependability, and honesty.

Signature of Reference

Title