Polk County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Purpose:
- To support Polk County high school graduates who plan to further their education at a college or university to attain their 2-year, 4-year or graduate level degree in an agriculture, forestry, environmental or natural resource science related field.
- Make financial assistance available to Polk County students to encourage success in their education goals that will prepare them to address future challenges related to production agriculture, environmental or natural resource science fields.

Eligibility Criteria:
1. Applicant must enroll in classes for the fall 2019 term.
2. Applicant must successfully complete 12 hours minimum per quarter or semester equivalent.
3. Applicant must major in an agriculture, forestry, environmental or natural resource field.
4. Applicant must meet one of the following requirements:
   - Applicant must have been a resident of Polk County during their high school years.
     OR
   - Applicant must have attended high school in Polk County.
     OR
   - Applicant or parents must be Polk County Farm Bureau Members.

How to Apply:
All applicants need to submit the following documents for consideration:
- Polk County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application Form.
- Sealed, certified copy of applicant’s transcript for the last full year of school. This may include a combination of high school, community college, junior college or university.
- 3 letters of recommendation submitted with the application is preferred.
Any letter of recommendation that is submitted separate from the application
must be postmarked no later than May 1. The scholarship application must contain the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of references.

Application Deadline:
Application must be postmarked on or before May 1 or delivered in person be to a member of the Polk County Farm Bureau Board/Secretary no later than May 1.

Selection:
(3) Up to a combined total of $3000 in scholarship funds may be awarded each year to the top 3 or 4 applicants.

The Polk County Farm Bureau Selection Committee reserves the right to award scholarships based on the clarity, accuracy, completeness and relevancy of applications. The Committee further reserves the right to select scholarship recipient(s) using their best judgment of which applicant’s stated goals, intent and accomplishments best exemplifies the purpose of these scholarships. The selection committee reserves the right to prioritize applicants in agriculture and natural resource fields of study.

Signature and Authorization: Applicant’s signature is required. The signature of the applicant certifies the information provided in the application is true and correct. Parent/Guardian shall sign application as witness. The applicant agrees, if selected for a scholarship, to attend the institution identified in the application and will pursue the major of study listed in the application. The applicant may change their major and maintain the scholarship if they stay in a field of agriculture, forestry, environmental or natural resource science.

Applicant understands and agrees that failure to comply with the above may render the applicant ineligible for the scholarship granted and the applicant may be required to return any remaining unused portions of the scholarship to the Polk County Farm Bureau.

Send applications to:
If you have any questions feel free to contact the Polk County Farm Bureau Secretary, Anne Rigor at 541-740-6025.

Mail original applications to:
Polk County Farm Bureau
Anne Rigor, Secretary
4190 NE Hwy 20
Corvallis, Oregon 97330
Polk County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application Form

Applicant must complete the Polk County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application in full. An incomplete application will be considered ineligible. Example: Do not leave any item blank. If an attachment is used to complete an item, be sure to write, “See attachment” and correctly label your attachment with same corresponding number/section used in the application.

1. Applicant Name:______________________________________________
   Last      First      Middle

2. Address:________________________________________________________

3. Telephone:_______________________ Cell Phone:_____________________

4. Email:_________________________ Birthday: Month_____ Day_____ Year____

5. Name of parents/guardian(s):
   Mother:__________________________________________________________
   Father:__________________________________________________________

6. Polk County Farm Bureau member?
   Parents  Y  N               Applicant  Y  N

7. Mailing address:____________________________________________________
   City________________________________________ State_________ Zip_________

8. Mother’s occupation:_______________________________________________
   Father’s occupation:_______________________________________________

9. Other siblings:

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10. Parent’s annual income:
   Under $50K_____ $50-75K_____ $75-100K_____ Over$100K_____ 

11. Applicant’s financial resources for education:
    From Savings________ %  From Parents________ %  From Others________ % 

12. High School:
    Name:___________________________  Graduation date:__________

13. University, junior/community college selected for fall 2019 term:
    A.____________________________________________________________
    B.____________________________________________________________

14. What is your intended major?________________________________________

15. What occupation are you preparing for?________________________________

16. How would you describe yourself? (No more than 500 words)

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17. Applicant’s overall GPA:
    From High School_______ University_______ Jr./Community College_______
18. What will be your academic level for the coming school year?
   Freshman___ Sophomore___ Junior___ Senior___

19. List school activities, citizenship and scholastic recognition, awards and honors.

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20. List community activities and service with approximate number of hours spent/year.

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21. Describe your three most meaningful leadership experiences and why they were impactful.

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22. List your work experience/describe your job responsibilities and activities:

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23. How did you learn of this scholarship?

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24. Three letters of recommendation must accompany this application or be submitted separately and postmarked no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> to the address below. List the following information for each individual submitting a letter of recommendation.

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25. Write a brief description regarding your agricultural experiences. Did you grow up on a farm? Have you worked on a farm? How many acres were farmed? What was crop(s) or animals were raised on the farm? What kind of responsibilities did you have?

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26. Attach a one page essay in your own handwriting, explaining how your course of study will impact Oregon agriculture, forestry, environmental or natural resource fields.

Dated _____________ day of __________________________, 20________

Signature of Applicant____________________________________________

Witnessed by
Parent/Guardian________________________________________Date_______

Thank you for your interest in furthering your education and especially in agriculture. If you have any additional questions feel free to contact The Polk County Farm Bureau Secretary at 541-740-6025.

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