

**Dutchess County Agricultural Society Inc  
(Dutchess County Fair)**

**General Information Sheet For School/College Guidance Counselors**

**Purpose**

To provide financial assistance to those high school and college students who intend to pursue or who are pursuing a degree in agriculture, horticulture or human ecology or a career related to agriculture or horticulture at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

**Award**

A maximum of \$8,000 paid up to (4) consecutive years in increments of \$2,000 per annum.

**Eligibility**

Applicant must be a Dutchess County resident and/or participate in the programs operated by DCAS Inc.; demonstrate commitment to an involvement in volunteer service in the community; enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four year college or university to commence no later than the fall of 2018. Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment and attendance for the entire 2018 – 2019 academic year.

**Application**

Application must be downloaded from the Dutchess County Fair's website, [www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com) (available in fillable PDF format), completed by the student, printed out, signed by the applicant and a parent or guardian and then submitted to the Fairgrounds Office. Handwritten applications will **not** be considered.

**Deadline**

Student must submit his/her application to the Fair no later than **May 11, 2018**.

**Selection Process**

A selection committee will determine the scholarship recipient. Students will be notified if they are awarded a scholarship. Non-winners will also be notified.

**Payment of Scholarship**

The scholarship will be awarded to one recipient in the amount of \$2,000 renewable each year for up to four consecutive years in duration while an undergraduate student is enrolled at an accredited college or university. Recipient will be required to submit a copy of the appropriate semester transcript to the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee in order to receive the payment. Subsequent payments will be issued only upon the receipt of a college or university transcript of credits, validated by said institution, by July 1. The recipient must maintain full-time student status and a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

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***2018 Scholarship Application***

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**Scoring**

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

Essay	15%
Citizenship & leadership	25%
Fair participation	30%
Field of study (related to fields listed above)	5%
Presentation of Application	15%
Academic achievements	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Instructions**

Make sure that you complete the entire application according to the directions. Return the completed application to the Fairgrounds Office by May 11, 2018. The Selection Committee is looking for well-rounded applicants and will base its decision on a variety of criteria, including academics, community service and fair participation, as well as the overall appearance of your application. You may add additional pages as necessary. Applications must be printed on plain stock white paper.

**Checklist**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship application
  - a. Completed online and then printed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation (*will not be accepted without a date and a signature*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript

For **high school seniors**: from Grade 9 through 1<sup>st</sup> semester of Grade 12

For **college students**: from Grade 9 through Grade 12 **AND** college transcript through 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the current academic/school year

**Return to DCAS Inc., PO Box 389, Rhinebeck NY 12572 by May 11, 2018.**

Indicate which scholarship you are applying for by double-clicking on the appropriate box:

**COLLEGE ENTRANT**

**CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENT**

**NAME OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS: STREET** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEX: M**  **F**

**CELL PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE** \_\_\_\_\_ **RANK IN CLASS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S)**

**OCCUPATION**

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**NAMES OF BROTHERS/SISTERS**

**ATTENDING COLLEGE**

\_\_\_\_\_

Y

N

\_\_\_\_\_

Y

N

\_\_\_\_\_

Y

N

**NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHICH YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR ARE ALREADY ATTENDING**

**NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE, HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED?**

Y  N  IF YES, WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY OR OCCUPATIONAL INTEREST**

**EXPLAIN YOUR CAREER GOALS. IF YOUR GOALS RELATE TO AGRICULTURE, FAIR MANAGEMENT, HORTICULTURE OR HUMAN ECOLOGY, PLEASE EXPLAIN.**

*(For the following, please attach additional sheets, properly labeled if necessary)*

**A. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (List of offices held, if any)**

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**B. COMMUNITY SERVICE (Church, clubs, organizations, etc.)**

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**C. AWARDS RECEIVED (School, community, clubs, organizations, etc.)**

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**D. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR (Type of involvement, awards, years, etc.)**

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**E. WORK EXPERIENCE (List of dates, employer, duties)**

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**F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT APPLICATION**

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**REFERENCES** Please attach two (2) recent letters of reference pertaining specifically to this application. These letters must be dated and signed; they will not be accepted without a date and signature.

**For the following, please attach a separate sheet and explain in as much detail as possible.**

**ESSAY** (Tell us in 500 words): “What experiences have you had exhibiting at the Dutchess County Fair that you feel will help you with your future goals?”

**TRANSCRIPT**

**High school seniors:** Please attach a transcript from Grade 9 through 1<sup>st</sup> semester Grade 12.

**College students:** Please attach a transcript from Grade 9 through Grade 12 **AND** a college transcript through 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the current academic/school year.

**FILING DEADLINE** Your application must be received by the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Office by May 11, 2018. Applications postmarked May 11 or before will be accepted.

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Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Date signed

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Date signed