

**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 2020. Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment and attendance for the entire 2020 - 2021 academic year.

Application

Application must be downloaded from the Dutchess County Fair's website, 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 8, 2020**.

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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2020 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%
Total	100%

Instructions

Make sure that you complete the entire application according to the directions. Return the completed application to the Fairgrounds Office by May 8, 2020. Applications postmarked May 8, 2020 will be accepted. 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 1st semester of Grade 12

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

Return to DCAS Inc., PO Box 389, Rhinebeck NY 12572 by May 8, 2020.

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

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? _____

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)

F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT APPLICATION

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 1st semester Grade 12.

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

FILING DEADLINE Your application must be received by the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Office by May 8, 2020. Applications postmarked May 8 or before will be accepted.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date signed

Date signed