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Scholarships Available

Rhinebeck, NY – President/CEO Andy Imperati, announced today that the Dutchess County Fairgrounds will continue with the scholarship program which awards a Dutchess County high school senior or student enrolled in college with an \$8,000 scholarship. The Dutchess County Agricultural Association Inc. sponsors this scholarship. “Nothing was normal about 2020. As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, the Ag Society felt we needed to try get some normality back in our lives especially to the students who continued to work hard and still find time to promote agriculture.”

The qualifying student must be a Dutchess County resident and/or participate in the programs operated by the agricultural society. The recipient must seek an undergraduate degree in agriculture, horticulture or human ecology or a career related to agriculture or horticulture. All applicants must submit their applications by May 11, 2021.

Information and a fillable pdf application is available at the Dutchess County Fair’s website www.dutchessfair.com/participate/scholarships, through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County and from local high school offices.

The **NYSAAF** and **NYSSA** offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF or the NYSSA and who plan to attend (or already attend) college in pursuit of a degree. The fair where you have been active or the NYSSA must endorse your application and will submit it for you. The website www.nyfairs.org offers a complete list of member fairs, the scholarship application, and instructions.

Please visit www.dutchessfair.com/participate/scholarships or www.nyfairs.org for information regarding both scholarships.

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