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## **Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, Inc. \$1000 DUTCHESS COUNTY MEMORIAL SHEEP SCHOLARSHIP**

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?**

The purpose of the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association Scholarship is to help our Hudson Valley youth further their education with a preference to those pursuing a field of study related to agriculture, although any major may be considered. Only studies at undergraduate, fully accredited two or four-year colleges, universities or technical schools are acceptable.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD?**

- Preference will be given to entering freshmen. However, undergraduates and upper classmen are eligible.
- Hudson Valley high school seniors with a current 4-H/FFA sheep project and are considered in good 4-H/FFA standing **or**
- Hudson Valley high school seniors enrolled as a Hudson Valley 4-H/FFA member in good standing who had a 4-H/FFA sheep project for a minimum of four years.
- Current or past Hudson Valley 4-H/FFA members (meeting one of the above criteria) who are currently enrolled in an accredited college, university or technical school as an undergraduate.
- All applicants must be in good academic standing in their enrolled school.
- However, undergraduates and upper classmen are eligible. Previous applicants who have not yet received this award are eligible to re-apply and will be considered for this award as long as they are attending a 2 or 4 year school of higher education.

### **IS THIS TO BE AN ANNUAL AWARD?**

- The award will be made on a semester-by-semester basis. The award must be used within one academic year after presentation.
- The DCSWGA reserves the right to NOT award a scholarship at their discretion.

### **HOW IS THE FUND ADMINISTERED?**

The Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, Inc., a not-for-profit 501 c 3 corporation, administers the scholarship by way of a separate account.

### **ON WHAT BASIS WILL WINNERS BE SELECTED?**

The Scholarship Committee will make recommendations to the DCSWGA, Inc. President for an impartial Selection Panel of judges each year. The DCSWGA, Inc. President will then appoint the Selection Panel.

Three impartial DCSWGA, Inc. members will serve as the Selection Panel. They will use a score sheet (see page 6) to judge the criteria from the following:

- A personal interview
- Completed written application
- Official high school or college transcripts
- A copy of SAT or ACT test scores is required to apply for scholarship
- A biography, including a description of your 4-H/FFA sheep project, 4-H/FFA leadership, community service, other awards and activities and what qualities or values are most important to you in life? Include how sheep have influenced your life.
- Other awards received
- References
  - include one letter of reference from your current or past 4-H/FFA Leader or 4-H/FFA Staff member
  - two letters of reference from additional sources (not 4-H/FFA related)
- Other pertinent information

The Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, Inc., a non-profit 501 c 3 corporation, offers educational programming and events without regard to race, color, religion, age, national origin or ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, marital status, or veteran status.



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### **WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE AWARD?**

The value of the award will be \$1000 per year (\$500.00 each semester). The award will be provided for up to 4 years (maximum of 2 semesters per calendar year). Students attending school programs using other scheduling formats will have their award prorated accordingly.

### **HOW WILL THE AWARD BE PAID?**

- The value of the award will be \$1000 per year (\$500.00 each semester) – see above statement. The award will be paid directly to the school. The winner will be announced June 1<sup>st</sup> once the acceptance paperwork is completed and notification will be sent to your high school guidance office for your graduation ceremonies. All applicants will receive a letter.

The continuation of the award is contingent upon the following:

- Student must remain in good academic standing at their school.
- Student must provide a copy of their official transcripts at the conclusion of each semester before any additional monies are awarded.
- Student must provide proof of enrollment.
- Student must remain matriculated for the time frame of the award unless the following is provided for consideration and approved:
  - A letter to the DCSWGA Scholarship Chair stating a legitimate reason why the schooling cannot be continued at this time (i.e. – illness, family emergencies, military service, etc.)
  - A letter from the student's Department head stating same
  - A statement when the education is anticipated to continue
- Student may transfer from one accredited institution to another and retain the award provided that ample notice is given to the DCSWGA Scholarship chair and approval.
- A second ranked candidate may be awarded the scholarship, based on the ranking of the Selection Panel, if the winning applicant declines the award.

### **HOW DOES ONE APPLY?**

- Applications are available through the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association website ([www.sheepandwool.com](http://www.sheepandwool.com)), local Dutchess County 4-H Sheep club leaders and through the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County office in Millbrook, NY.
- The Scholarship Chair must RECEIVE complete applications no later than the last Monday in March. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all materials have arrived by the deadline. It is strongly recommended that the applications be sent "Return Receipt Requested". Late applications will not be accepted.
- The decisions of the Scholarship Committee and Selection Panel are final.



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**CHECKLIST**

Please make sure that all of the following have been included in your application. If references are sent separately it is your responsibility to ensure that they are received by the **deadline of the last Monday of March**. We strongly recommend that you mail your application **“Return Receipt Requested”**.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Completed written application, including signatures**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed and dated Agreement (page 5)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Official high school or college transcripts**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Copy of SAT or ACT test scores**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **A biography, including a description of your 4-H/FFA sheep project, 4-H/FFA leadership, community service, other awards and activities and what qualities or values are most important to you in life? Include how sheep have influenced your life.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Other awards received**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **References**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Include one letter of reference from your current or past 4-H/FFA Leader or 4-H/FFA Staff member
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of reference from additional sources (not 4-H/FFA related)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Other pertinent information**



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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT EMPLOYMENT HAVE YOU HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TYPES OF WORK WERE INVOLVED: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT SCHOOL ARE YOU PLANNING ON ATTENDING? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS YOUR ACCEPTANCE DATE? \_\_\_\_\_ START DATE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT MAJOR WILL YOU BE STUDYING? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a complete biography, including a description of your 4-H/FFA sheep project, 4-H/FFA leadership, community service, other awards and activities and what qualities or values are most important to you in life? Include how sheep have influenced your life.

Please attach your biography to this application. References may be sent separately to the address below.  
**It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all materials are received no later than the last Monday of March.**

Please include a copy of your most current, official school transcripts, the mailing address of the college/university where a winning fellowship check may be sent (if known).

**SEND ALL RELATED MATERIALS TO: DCSWGA SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR  
ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LAST MONDAY OF MARCH.**



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**AGREEMENT**

I have read this application in its entirety and agree to abide by the standards and responsibilities set forth in it. I certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information contained on this application is subject to verification and that false information will lead to disqualification.

If awarded this scholarship I agree to allow the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, Inc. to publicize my award (including photographs) in newsprint, on their website and in other venues.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant Signature**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date**

**NOTE:** The DCSWGA, Inc. would appreciate being informed as to how you are doing during your educational career as well as your post-graduate activities. Please feel free to contact us either through the Scholarship Chair or through the DCSWGA, Inc. website address: [www.sheepandwool.com](http://www.sheepandwool.com)



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**Selection Panel Ranking Sheet**

		<b>Applicant 1</b>	<b>Applicant 2</b>	<b>Applicant 3</b>
<b>Declared Major</b>				
Related to Agriculture	<b>(5 points)</b>			
Other	<b>(0 points)</b>			
<b>School Transcripts</b>				
Quality of Course work	<b>(0-10 points)</b>			
<b>Biography Contents</b>				
Community Service	<b>(0-10 points)</b>			
4-H/FFA Sheep Projects	<b>(0-10 points)</b>			
4-H/FFA Leadership	<b>(0-10 points)</b>			
Other Awards/Activities	<b>(0-10 points)</b>			
<b>Essay</b>				
Values and the influence of sheep on their life	<b>(0-10 points)</b>			
<b>Interview</b>				
Questions based on contents of application and other pertinent information	<b>(0-25 points)</b>			
<b>References</b>				
Three total references	<b>(0-15 points)</b>			
<b>Additional Information</b>				
	<b>(0-5 points)</b>			
<b>Ranking of applicants.</b>				

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**Selection Judge Signature and Date**