



## **Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, Inc.**

### **\$4000 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, undergraduates and upper classmen are eligible.
- Any DCSWGA member meeting the criteria.
- Hudson Valley high school seniors with a current **Sheep** or **Wool** project for a minimum of two years.
- Past Hudson Valley 4-H/FFA members (meeting 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.
- Undergraduates and upperclassmen that apply and are living **out of state at school** should contact the DCSWGA scholarship chairman for a special circumstances interview.

#### **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. of potential judges each year. The Scholarship Chairperson will then appoint the Selection Panel, consisting of 3 impartial DCSWGA members.

They will use a score sheet (see page 6) to judge the criteria from the following:

- A personal interview. Interview will take place at the DCSWGA office in Red Hook, NY 12571.
- Completed written application (which is to be downloaded from the website, completed then emailed to [dcswgascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:dcswgascholarships@gmail.com))
- A biography, including a description of your sheep/wool project, 4-H/FFA leadership(IF APPLICABLE), community service, other awards and activities and what qualities or values are most important to you in life? Include how sheep or wool projects have influenced your life.
- Other awards received
- References: Include 3 letters of reference. Example - from your current or past 4-H/FFA Leader or 4-H/FFA Staff member and two letters of reference from additional sources (not 4-H/FFA related)
- Other pertinent information

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

The value of the award will be \$4000 per year (\$2000.00 each semester). The award will be provided for up to 2 years (maximum of 2 semesters per calendar year). Students attending school programs using other scheduling formats will have their award prorated accordingly. A second place candidate may be awarded a scholarship of \$2000 per year (\$1,000 each semester).

**HOW WILL THE AWARD BE PAID?**

- The award will be paid directly to the school. All applicants will receive a notification letter of the results of the scholarship decision.

The continuation of the award is contingent upon:

- Student must submit to DCSWGA before each semester: proof of enrollment, a copy of their upcoming semester schedule or other source that shows they are still attending college. Upon receipt, payment will be sent to the college for that semester's scholarship.
- 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.)
- 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.

**HOW DOES ONE APPLY?**

- Applications are only available through the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association website ( [www.dcwsga.org](http://www.dcwsga.org) ).
- **The application must be downloaded, filled in and emailed to: [dcswgascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:dcswgascholarships@gmail.com)**
- The Scholarship Chair must **RECEIVE** the complete application no later than **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that **ALL** materials have arrived by the deadline. **Late applications will not be accepted.**
- If accepted, the signed Acceptance Agreement is **due back July 1<sup>st</sup>**. **If not returned, you will forfeit the scholarship.** Mail to: DCSWGA Scholarship, PO Box 415, Red Hook, NY 12571
- The decisions of the Scholarship Committee and Selection Panel are **FINAL**.
- Each applicant will be notified of the **interview date**, which will also be posted on the DCSWGA website:

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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 April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed written application, including **signatures**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed and dated Agreement** (page 5)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of most recent report card
- \_\_\_\_\_ A biography, including a description of your sheep/wool 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ Include 3 letters of reference
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other pertinent information

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**TEL. NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**LIST EMPLOYMENT YOU HAVE 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 sheep/wool 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.

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

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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**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**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.dcswga.org](http://www.dcswga.org)

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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>				
Sheep/Wool 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>					

**Selection Judge Signature and Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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