

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 student member meeting the criteria.
- 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 for the DCSWGA, Inc. of potential judges each year. The Scholarship Chairperson will then appoint the Selection Panel, consisting of 3 impartial 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)
- 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 and 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.dcswga.org).
- **The application must be downloaded, filled in and emailed to: dcswgascalarships@gmail.com**
- The Scholarship Chair must **RECEIVE** the complete application no later than **May 1st**. 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 1st**. **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: *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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CHECKLIST

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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 1st**.

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 any 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? _____ **STARTDATE?** _____ **WHAT MAJOR WILL**

YOU BE STUDYING? _____

Please write a complete biography, including a description of any 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 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).

AGREEMENT

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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

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