

Application Deadline

February 24, 2012

For More Information

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Foremost Farms USA
Agricultural Education Scholarship
Scholarship Management Services
One Scholarship Way
St. Peter, MN 56082
Telephone: 507-931-1682

E-mail: crubischko@scholarshipamerica.org

**Application also
available at:**

www.foremostfarms.com

2012

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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Foremost Farms USA
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Baraboo, WI 53913-8115
Return Service Requested


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FARMS • USA

2012 Agricultural Education Scholarship Application

Our scholarship program is established to provide educational financial assistance to eligible member-owners and the children of Foremost Farms USA® member-owners. This program is sponsored and funded by the Foremost Farms USA Charitable Foundation.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a division of Scholarship America. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender or disability.

Eligibility

To be eligible, the applicant must be:

- Any current high school/college student who meets all of the following qualifications is eligible to apply for one of Foremost Farms' \$2,000 agricultural scholarships.
- Applicant must be the son or daughter of a current Foremost Farms member or a member of Foremost Farms selling milk at the time of submitting the scholarship application and when cash awards are made. If a member-owner exits the cooperative the award will be forfeited.
- Applicant must have a sincere interest in continuing education in an agriculture-oriented occupational field.

- Applicant must plan to enroll or be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited university, college or vocational-technical institute for a degree program or short course program.

Awards

Up to ten awards of \$2,000 each will be granted this year. Awards are not renewable. Students are eligible to receive the award one time only. Awards are for undergraduate study only.

Application

Interested students must complete the attached application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship Management Services **postmarked no later than February 24, 2012**. Grade reports are not acceptable. On-line transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course and term in which each course was taken. A letter of recommendation is also required.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied. Therefore, it is important to answer all questions as completely as possible. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services.

Selection

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, involvement in dairy farm operations, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of educational and career goals and an outside appraisal.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services. No employee of Foremost Farms USA will see any of the application materials or participate in the selection of the award recipients. All information is considered confidential.

Scholarship Payments

Foremost Farms USA will award up to ten \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2012 and current college students.

Payment will be made after Scholarship Management Services receives a first quarter grade report. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and made payable to the school for the student. Students are eligible to receive only one scholarship.

Award Presentations

Applications must be postmarked on or before February 24, 2012, to be eligible for a 2012 Foremost Farms USA scholarship. After applications are reviewed and selections made, all applicants will be notified by mail in April 2012. Presentations to all winners will be arranged between the student, the school and Foremost Farms USA's communications specialist.

Obligations

A recipient has no obligation to Foremost Farms USA, but is required to supply Scholarship Management Services with complete transcripts when requested and to notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes of address, school enrollment or other relevant information. Except as described in this brochure, no obligation is assumed by Foremost Farms USA.

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TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

Completeness and neatness insure your application will be reviewed properly

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**SCHOLARSHIP
MANAGEMENT
SERVICES USE
ONLY**

I.D. #	AA	PD	RIC/CS	GPA	SATCR	SATM	SATW	ACTC	TOTAL

**APPLICANT
DATA**

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Please indicate your status. (For statistical purposes only)

Male American Indian/Alaskan Native Multi-Racial Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander
 Female African American Asian White
 Hispanic or Latino

Check one:

Are you or your parent a member of Foremost Farms USA?

Patron# (must be provided) _____

**PARENT
OR
GUARDIAN
INFORMATION**

Parent's Names _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Fax Number (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ The applicant is a dependent of the member Yes No

**HIGH
SCHOOL
DATA**

School Name _____ Graduation Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

City _____ State _____ Telephone (_____) _____

**POST-
SECONDARY
SCHOOL
DATA**

Name of post-secondary school you attend/plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.) **Use official school names. Do not use abbreviations.**

_____ City _____ State _____

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4 yr. College or University 2 yr. Community or Junior College
 Vocational-Technical School Other, explain _____

Year in school next year: 1 2 3 4 5

Major or course of study _____ Anticipated date of graduation Month _____ Year _____

Anticipated degree: Bachelor's Associate Certificate Other _____

Sending a resumé does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets of paper using the same format. DO NOT repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

**YOUR
AGRICULTURAL
PROGRAM**

Family Farm Statistics:

Dairy (Milk Cows) _____ Beef Steers _____ Dairy (Heifers/Calves) _____
 Dairy Steers _____ Beef Cows _____ Other () _____
 Crop Acres: _____ Oats _____ Alfalfa _____ Other () _____

Describe your current role on your family's farm. (You may use a separate sheet of paper) Please limit your answer to 100 words.

**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

Describe your work experience during the past four years (e.g., farm work, food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week. List amounts earned at each job.

Employer/Position	From-Mo/Yr	To-Mo/Yr	Hours per Week	Amount Earned

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS & HONORS

List all activities you have participated in during the past four years such as church, school, community, FFA, 4-H, etc. Note all leadership positions, special awards, honors and offices held. You may use a separate sheet of paper to list additional activities.

Activity	No. of years	Special Awards, etc.	Offices held	Activity	No. of years	Special Awards, etc.	Offices held

FUTURE PLANS

Explain how your involvement in agriculture will help you attain your plans and goals for the future. (You may continue answer on a separate sheet.) Limit your answer to 150 words.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (REQUIRED)

Submit a letter of recommendation with your application. Be sure the letter includes the name, address and telephone number of your reference.

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)

To be completed by a high school or college counselor or advisor, an instructor, or a work supervisor who knows you well.

Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to applicant. If you prefer, photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope. A letter of recommendation does not replace this section.

The applicant's choice of a post-secondary educational program is	<input type="checkbox"/>	extremely appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>	very appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>	moderately appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>	inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/>	very well	<input type="checkbox"/>	moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/>	not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/>	excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	good	<input type="checkbox"/>	fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is	<input type="checkbox"/>	excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	good	<input type="checkbox"/>	fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/>	very well	<input type="checkbox"/>	moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/>	not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/>	very well	<input type="checkbox"/>	moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/>	not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	<input type="checkbox"/>	extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/>	very well	<input type="checkbox"/>	moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/>	not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/>	excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	good	<input type="checkbox"/>	fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	poor

Comments _____

Appraiser's Name _____ Title _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Signature _____ Organization _____ Date _____

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

A complete transcript of grades must be sent with this application. Grade reports are not acceptable.

- Students currently or previously enrolled in college or vocational-technical school must** include all college or vo-tech transcripts of grades from each school attended. On-line transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. (Completion of the following section is not necessary.)
- High school seniors and students who have completed less than one full quarter or semester** of post-secondary education **must** include a high school transcript of grades and have the following section completed by the appropriate school official. **(A clear explanation of the school's grading scale must also be submitted.)**

Applicant ranks _____
in a class of _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average	
Weighted:	_____ /4.0 scale
Unweighted:	_____ /4.0 scale

SAT		
Critical Reading	Math	Writing

ACT				
English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite

School Official's Signature _____ Date _____ Title _____ Telephone (_____) _____
 School Official's Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The student is responsible for submitting all materials to Scholarship Management Services on time. This application for a scholarship becomes complete and valid only when you have returned all of the following materials:

- Student Application
 - Current Complete Transcript(s) of Grades (including grading scale)
 - Letter of Recommendation
- All materials, including transcript, must be addressed to:

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 Scholarship Management Services
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CERTIFICATION

Scholarship Management Services has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's descriptive brochure. This application becomes the property of Scholarship Management Services. (We recommend that you keep a copy.)

I acknowledge decisions of Scholarship Management Services are final. I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program as described in the brochure and that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of information I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____