

**Dutchess County Agricultural Society Inc
(Dutchess County Fair)**

**School/College/Technical School Guidance Counselors
General Information**

Purpose

To provide financial assistance to those high school, college & technical school, and graduate students, who intend to pursue or who are pursuing a degree in agriculture, horticulture or human ecology or a career related to agriculture or horticulture at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

Award

A maximum of \$10,000 paid up to (4) consecutive years in increments of \$2,500 per annum. Additional scholarships may be awarded at the discretion of the committee.

Eligibility

Applicant must be a Dutchess County resident and/or participate in the programs operated by DCAS Inc.; demonstrate commitment to an involvement in volunteer service in the community; enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university, technical school, including graduate school, to commence no later than the Fall of 2024. Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment and attendance for the entire 2024 – 2025 academic year.

Application

Application must be downloaded from the Dutchess County Fair's website, www.dutchessfair.com, completed by the student, printed out, signed by the applicant and a parent or guardian, and then submitted to the Fairgrounds Office.

Deadline

Student must submit his/her application to the Fair no later than 3pm Friday, **May 10, 2024**.

Selection Process

A selection committee will determine the scholarship recipient. Students will be notified if they are awarded a scholarship. Non-winners will also be notified.

Payment of Scholarship

The scholarship will be awarded to one recipient in the amount of \$2,500 renewable each year for up to four consecutive years in duration while the student is enrolled at an accredited college, university, technical school, including graduate school. Recipient will be required to submit a copy of the appropriate semester transcript to Vicki Imperati in order to receive the payment. Subsequent payments will be issued only upon the receipt of a college/university/technical school transcript of credits, validated by said institution, by July 1. The recipient must maintain full-time student status and a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

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2024 Scholarship Application

Summary & Eligibility

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Scoring

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

Essay	15%
Citizenship & leadership	25%
Fair participation	30%
Field of study (related to fields listed above)	5%
Presentation of Application	15%
Academic achievements	10%
Total	100%

Instructions

Make sure that you complete the entire application according to the directions. Return the completed application to the Fairgrounds Office by 3pm Friday, May 10, 2024. The Selection Committee is looking for well-rounded applicants and will base its decision on a variety of criteria, including academics, community service and fair participation, as well as the overall appearance of your application. You may add additional pages as necessary. Applications must be printed on plain stock white paper.

Checklist

- _____ Scholarship application
 - a. Completed online and then printed
- _____ Two letters of recommendation (*will not be accepted without a date and a signature*)
- _____ Transcript

For **high school seniors**: from Grade 9 through 1st semester of Grade 12

For **college/tech school students**: from Grade 9 through Grade 12 **AND** college transcript through 1st semester of the current academic/school year

For **graduate students**: Acceptance letter or transcript

Return to DCAS Inc., PO Box 389, Rhinebeck NY 12572 by 3pm Friday, May 10, 2024.

Indicate which scholarship you are applying for by checking the appropriate box:

COLLEGE TECH ENTRANT

CURRENT COLLEGE or TECH STUDENT

GRADUATE STUDENT

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

MAILING ADDRESS: STREET _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ **AGE** _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____ **RANK IN CLASS** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S)

OCCUPATION

**NAME OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH YOU'VE BEEN ACCEPTED TO OR
ARE ALREADY ATTENDING** _____

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY OR OCCUPATIONAL INTEREST

EXPLAIN YOUR CAREER GOALS.

(For the following, please attach additional sheets, properly labeled if necessary)

A. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (List of offices held, if any)

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B. COMMUNITY SERVICE (Church, clubs, organizations, etc.)

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C. AWARDS RECEIVED (School, community, clubs, organizations, etc.)

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D. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR (Type of involvement, awards, years, etc.)

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E. WORK EXPERIENCE (List of dates, employer, duties)

F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT APPLICATION

REFERENCES Please attach two (2) recent letters of reference pertaining specifically to this application. These letters must be dated and signed; they will not be accepted without a date and signature.

For the following, please attach a separate sheet and explain in as much detail as possible.

ESSAY (Tell us in 500 words): “What experiences have you had at the Dutchess County Fair that you feel will help you with your future goals?”

TRANSCRIPT

High school seniors: Please attach a transcript from Grade 9 through 1st semester Grade 12.

College students: Please attach a transcript from Grade 9 through Grade 12 **AND** a college transcript through 1st semester of the current academic/school year.

Graduate students: Acceptance letter or transcript

FILING DEADLINE Your application must be received by the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Office by 3pm Friday, May 10, 2024. Applications postmarked May 10 or before will be accepted.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date signed

Date signed