



Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce
P.A.Y. Scholarship

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Promoting Agricultural Youth

Providing financial assistance for an agricultural future!

2018 Scholarship Fund – (8) \$3,000 = \$24,000

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P.A.Y. Scholarship Program

The P.A.Y. Scholarship Endowment will award **(8) \$3,000 scholarships** to graduating high school seniors in the Yankton area that want to pursue post secondary education in the related fields of agricultural.

Objectives

- Recognize local youth that are leaders in agriculture.
- Provide local financial support for academic study and leadership development.
- Foster the development of future leaders in rural America, agribusiness and production agriculture.

Student Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the scholarships. Those not meeting the requirements will not be considered.

Students are high school seniors, graduating in the spring of 2018.

Students will study an agricultural-related major at a two- or four-year college.

Applicants must attend high school in one of the specified schools:

South Dakota – Avon, Bon Homme High School, Freeman, Gayville/Volin, Irene/Wakonda, Marty, Menno, Scotland, Tripp/Delmont, Vermillion, Viborg/Hurley, Wagner, Yankton

Nebraska – Hartington-Newcastle Public, Cedar Catholic High School, Wyoit, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Niobrara-Verdigre, Wausa, Bloomfield, Crofton, Creighton, Santee

Selection Process

The scholarship recipients will be selected by the P.A.Y. Scholarship Committee Members through an application process. The recipients of this award will also be recognized and required to attend the 2018 Ag Gala presented by the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce on June 19, 2018.

Fund Distribution

Selected scholarship winners will be paid out in two \$1,500 increments for a total of \$3,000. The first \$1,500 will be paid in the second semester of your first year. The second \$1,500 will be paid in the second semester of your second year. Recipients will be required to document their continued ag related study in their second year in order to receive their last payment. If recipient changes their field of study to a non-ag related major within this two-year time frame, all undisbursed funds will be forfeited. Requests for deferred payments will be made on a case by case basis with a possibility of forfeiting the scholarship.

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Examples of Ag related degrees:

Agribusiness
Agricultural Economics
Agricultural Education
Agricultural Engineering
Agricultural Journalism
Agricultural Systems Technology
Agronomy
Animal Science
Animals
Biochemistry
Biological Systems Engineering
Biology
Dairy Manufacturing and Production
Diesel Mechanics
Diversified Agricultural Studies
Electrical Engineering
Environmental Management
Environmental Restoration Science
Environmental Studies
Ethanol Engineering
Fisheries and Wildlife
Food Science and Technology
Food Technology for Companion
Forensic Science
Grassland Ecology and Management
Grazing Livestock Systems

Horticulture
Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management
Insect Science
Irrigation Technologies
Landscape Architecture and Design
Mechanized Systems Management
Microbiology
Natural Resource and Environmental Economics
Park Management
Plant Biology
Plant Protection Sciences
Pre-Forestry
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Range Science
Veterinary Science
Veterinary Technologist
Water Science
Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences



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P.A.Y. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PROMOTING AGRICULTURAL YOUTH

Yankton, South Dakota

8 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$24,000

The scholarship will be provided for formal instruction in any accredited university, college, technical school or other recognized program preparing people for careers in agriculture related fields. Eligibility is limited to students who are enrolled in any accredited university, college, technical school or other recognized program in an agriculture related field.

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Forms **must be** filled out in detail and printed in **black ink or typewritten** and **postmarked** to the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce by **March 31, 2018**. Please also **submit one photo** of yourself. Photo will be used for future press releases if selected as a winner.

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1. **Applicant's Name:** _____
2. **Email Address:** _____
3. **Home Address:** _____
City, State, Zip: _____
4. **Current Address (if different):** _____
5. **Current Phone:** _____
6. **Do you currently or have you in the past lived on a Ranch/Farm:** _____
7. **Parent's Names & Occupation:** _____

Parent's Email: _____

8. **High School Attended:** _____
(Name) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____
9. **High School Graduation Date:** _____ **High School GPA:** _____
10. **Name of Reference & Their Phone #:** _____

Please provide one or two paragraph responses for these inquiries. Use additional sheets if needed.

11. **List Major School Activities (offices held, committees, etc.):**
12. **List Non-School Organizations (leadership roles in each):**

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13. List Community Activities:

14. Briefly Describe the following:

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C. Do you feel the preservation of rural communities through the development of agriculture is a key issue and why?

D. Why is agriculture important to you?

E. If you were to win this scholarship, tell us what it would mean to you and why do you think you would be a good recipient for this scholarship?



(Guidance Counselor or Teacher Signature)

(Applicant Signature)