



*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, Wynot, 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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## **YANKTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 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:**

  - A. What school do you plan on attending? What ag related degree are you pursuing and why?**
  - B. Do you see yourself contributing or promoting agriculture in the Yankton area after graduation? If so, how and why?**

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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?

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(Guidance Counselor or Teacher Signature)

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(Applicant Signature)