



# P.A.Y. SCHOLARSHIP

## Promoting Agricultural Youth

### P.A.Y. Scholarship Program

The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce P.A.Y. Scholarship 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 2020.
- Students will study an agricultural-related major at a two- or four-year college.

#### Examples of Ag-related degrees:

Agribusiness	Biology	Forensic Science	Economics
Agricultural Economics	Dairy Manufacturing and Production	Grassland Ecology and Management	Park Management
Agricultural Education	Diesel Mechanics	Grazing Livestock Systems	Plant Biology
Agricultural Engineering	Diversified Agricultural Studies	Horticulture	Plant Protection Sciences
Agricultural Journalism	Electrical Engineering	Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management	Pre-Forestry
Agricultural Systems Technology	Environmental Management	Insect Science	Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Agronomy	Environmental Restoration Science	Irrigation Technologies	Range Science
Animal Science	Environmental Studies	Landscape Architecture and Design	Veterinary Science
Animals	Ethanol Engineering	Mechanized Systems Management	Veterinary Technologist
Biochemistry	Fisheries and Wildlife	Microbiology	Water Science
Biocyber	Food Science and Technology	Natural Resource and Environmental	Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
Biological Systems Engineering	Food Technology for Companion		

- Applicants must attend high school in one of the specified schools:
  - SD: Avon, Bon Homme, Freeman, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Menno, Scotland, Tripp-Delmont, Vermillion, Viborg-Hurley, Yankton
  - NE: Hartington-Newcastle Public, Cedar Catholic, Wynot, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Niobrara-Verdigre, Wausa, Bloomfield, Crofton, Creighton, Santee, Randolph

### Selection Process

The scholarship recipients will be selected by the P.A.Y. Scholarship Committee Members through an application and interview process. The recipients of this award will be recognized at the 2020 Ag Producer & Business BBQ presented by the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce.

### 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 submit their spring class schedule each year to the Yankton Chamber of Commerce to receive their scholarship. 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.



# P.A.Y. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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.

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, 2020**. Please also **submit one photo** of yourself. Photo will be used for future press releases if selected as a winner.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently or have you in the past lived on a Ranch/Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names & Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City) (State)

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference & Their Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**List Major School Activities (offices held, committees, etc.):**

**List Non-School Organizations (leadership roles in each):**

**List Community Activities:**

**Briefly Describe the following:**

**What school do you plan on attending? What ag-related degree are you pursuing and why?**

**How do you see yourself contributing or promoting agriculture in the Yankton area after graduation?**

Explain how you feel about the preservation of rural communities through the development of agriculture in our region's future.

Why is agriculture important to you?

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?

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(School Counselor or Teacher's Signature)

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(Applicant Signature)

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Send completed applications to:

**YANKTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**803 E. 4th St.**  
**YANKTON, SD 57078**  
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