

LINCOLN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – RULES AND PROCEDURES

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

There will be three [3] scholarships awarded annually. The amount of these scholarships will be \$1500, \$1000, and \$750. All other qualified applicants will receive \$100.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICANTS

These scholarships will be available to current members of Niagara 4-H who have completed at least six projects and are going on to attend a recognized post-secondary education program with a minimum duration of 12 weeks.

Applicants may reapply in subsequent years, if they meet the requirements, but may only win a scholarship once in their 4-H career

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicants will provide a written application to the LAS including their name and contact information, school and 4H club, as well as;

- A copy of their academic report cards for their last year of secondary school.
- A list of the applicants' extra-curricular activities, including athletics, clubs and community service.
- A brief essay [~ less than 500 words] discussing their personal goals and objectives.

All personal information received with the applications will be treated according to the LAS Privacy Policy.

SELECTION PROCESS

A. Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee will consist of three members as designated by the LAS Board of Directors. The members will be Directors with the LAS and/or 4H Niagara.

The applications will be received by the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will screen the received applications for eligibility and forward the eligible applications on to the Selection Committee.

B. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will consist of three responsible individuals designated by the Scholarship Committee. The members should be free of any conflict with any of the applicants.

The Selection Committee will review the applications forwarded by the Scholarship Committee and will choose the three winners based on the selection guidelines.

SELECTION GUIDELINES

The selection of the winning applications will be based on the following;

- Academic Performance
- Community and Extra-Curricular Involvement
- The applicants' essay
- In person interview, at the discretion of the Selection Committee

APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS

- Applications will be received by the LAS starting on April 1.
- The deadline for applications will be June 30.
- The Scholarship Committee will meet in July to screen the applications for eligibility and forward all eligible applications to the Selection Committee.
- The Selection Committee will review the eligible applications and at their discretion select applicants for interviews. The interviews would be held at a mutually agreeable time in August.
- The Selection Committee will notify the Scholarship Committee of the winners by August 31.
- The Selection Committee is not obligated to award all prizes. Only applications considered worthy need be considered. Winning Applicants must be accepted to and commence their post secondary education program in order to be awarded the prize money. Any surplus from unawarded prizes will be retained by the Scholarship Committee.
- The winning applicants will be notified at the earliest convenience of the Scholarship Committee.
- The winners will be invited, and encouraged, to attend an official award ceremony to be held as part of the opening ceremonies of the Fair.

REVISIONS TO RULES AND PROCEDURES

These Rules and Procedures may be revised by the Scholarship Committee prior to the call for applications for the next set of awards. Any revisions must be approved by the LAS Board of Directors.