

Cindy Hollingshead Scholarship Fund

The Cindy Hollingshead Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 to honor Cynthia Anne (Cindy) Hollingshead, for 39 years of service as Executive Secretary of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, as well as a lifetime of volunteer commitment to local government and community service activities.

The objective of the Scholarship Fund is to assist students who plan to pursue careers focusing on agriculture, community service and association leadership.



Scholarship Amount

Award amounts will vary, the program provides a minimum \$1000 award per year.

Applicant Qualifications

1. Applicant must be a resident of Ohio.
2. Applicant must be enrolled in one of the following courses of study:
 - An accredited high school program, with personal plans to pursue a degree as a full time student in an accredited two-year technical school or four-year college or university program.
 - A course of study leading to completion in an accredited GED program, with personal plans to pursue a degree as a full time student in an accredited two-year technical school or four-year college or university program.
 - An accredited two-year technical school.
 - An accredited four-year college or university program.
 - An accredited graduate program.
3. Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the applicant after submission of their respective transcript detailing their grades for the first quarter or semester for the 2012-13 academic year. Transcript must show that the Applicant/Scholarship Recipient maintains a 2.5 GPA in their chosen course of study.
4. Applicant /Scholarship Recipient may reapply annually.
5. While the Applicant does not need to be pursuing a degree directly connected to a school and/or college of agriculture, they must explain how a particular aspect of the field of agriculture or community development (food production, scientific research, education/outreach, marketing, policymaking, advocacy, leadership development) pursued by the applicant benefits from her career plans.

Selection Process

A five-member Scholarship Selection Committee will make selection of the final applicant(s). The Committee may request personal interviews of the final candidates.

Application Guidelines

All applications must be typed. Scholarship applications are available at the county Farm Bureau office or by writing to: Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, 280 North High Street, P.O. Box 182383, Columbus, OH 43218-2383.

An electronic version in Microsoft Word for Windows is available by sending an e-mail request to foundation@ofbf.org. A pdf. file of all application forms can be accessed at the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation website, www.ofbfoundation@ofbf.org.

Please include: a copy of your application, a copy of your transcript, three letters of reference and a wallet size photo.

Application Deadline

The deadline for submitting applications is **March 1, 2012.**

Notification

Notification of scholarship winner(s) will be made by May 16, 2012.

Application for the Cindy Hollingshead Scholarship Fund - 2012

Instructions: Application is to be completed by applicant. Answer questions completely and use extra pages where necessary. Please ensure that all materials presented reflect only specific information requested in the scholarship application.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Academic Activities & Accomplishments

High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

School-Related Organizations, Clubs and Special Activities: _____

School Related Honors, Recognition and Awards: _____

College/Technical School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

School Related Organizations, Clubs and Special Activities: _____

School Related Honors, Recognition and Awards: _____

Community Activities, Volunteerism and Leadership Experience

Community Participation, Volunteerism, Work Experiences - List the various activities outside of school in which you have participated and leadership roles you have held.

Required Material, References & Supplemental Information

In order for your application to be considered the following materials and information must accompany this application:

- Letters of Recommendation - Three (3) letters from adult leaders, mentors and/or educators describing the applicant's academic, community service and/or leadership experiences. Letters may not be written by the applicant, anyone under 21 years of age, or anyone related to the applicant or serving as a legal guardian. Contact information (at least one phone number) should be included for each reference.
- Essay - Please answer the following question in 500 words or less: Agriculture is more than just food and fiber production. Farmers and rural residents are working with suburban and urban communities to tackle a variety of social, economic and public policy issues that take agriculture well beyond the farm gate. What do you see as agriculture's biggest challenge going forward? How will your career interests help volunteers, community organizations and/or local governments create programs and strategies to address this issue? Please Note – This essay should be presented as a separate application item, printed on traditional 8½ x 11 paper, double-spaced, 12 point type.
- Transcripts: Copy(ies) of you most recent High School and/or College/Technical School transcripts.
- Photo: A wallet-size photograph.

The deadline for submitting applications for the Darwin Bryan Scholarship Program is **March 1, 2012**. All applications and required supplemental materials may be sent directly to the Foundation via e-mail at foundation@ofbf.org, or be sent hard copy via U.S. Mail, postmarked by the deadline and delivered to:

Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Programs
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Columbus, OH 43218-2383