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### *New Scholarship Program Created*

## ***Cindy Hollingshead Scholarship Fund Supports Careers in Organization Leadership, Volunteerism and Community Development***

Cynthia (Cindy) Anne Hollingshead pursued a career and provided volunteer support for a variety of activities during several decades of profound change.

Friends of agriculture recognize Cindy for her 39 years of service as Executive Secretary of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. She helped Farm Bureau leaders expand an organization that originally involved farmers and rural residents, to one which now includes our suburban and urban neighbors. Farm Bureau members have the ability to create partnerships and tackle social, economic and public policy issues that take agriculture well beyond the farm gate.

Residents of Groveport, Ohio got to know Cindy as she worked on the village's Charter Committee and Zoning Board. Many local communities discovered that they became essential links for larger metropolitan areas. Cindy helped local government create strategies to address infrastructure, community service, economic development and planned growth. Many villages share these strategies to balance small town quality of life attributes with the opportunities larger metro environments generate.

Some knew Cindy for volunteer activities at the Groveport Presbyterian Church where she served as an elder, taught Sunday school and sang in the choir. Family and community life, and the time many have to dedicate to volunteer activities, has changed. Volunteerism has been redefined. As a vibrant volunteer in church and other community organizations, she helped find ways to help others match time and interest with enrichment programs and projects.

Organization dynamics, community needs and volunteer support – Many of the skills Cindy developed over her lifetime are now making their way to classrooms and academic programs.

With this in mind, many of Cindy's colleagues and friends have established the *Cindy Hollingshead Scholarship Fund*. The program is a new member of the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation family of scholarships. The objective of the fund is to assist students who plan to pursue careers focusing on agriculture, community service and association leadership.

All of us who knew Cindy have wonderful stories to share. She has truly touched our lives. You can help us share these stories, as well as create new ones through students who will benefit from this project. We cordially invite you to make a contribution to the *Cindy Hollingshead Scholarship Fund*. Please find attached information on the program and a contribution form for you use. Moreover, please feel free to contact us at the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation at 614.246.8294 or [Foundation@ofbf.org](mailto:Foundation@ofbf.org) for additional assistance.

Thank you for your time, consideration and support.

# 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.

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## 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. Parents of applicant (or applicant) must be Farm Bureau members for three years prior to application *or* applicant must have been active in Farm Bureau youth activities at the county, regional or state level.
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](mailto:foundation@ofbf.org). A pdf. file of all application forms can be accessed at the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation website, [www.ofbfoundation@ofbf.org](http://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.

*Donation Form - The Cindy Hollingshead  
Scholarship Fund*

Yes! Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to  
establish the Cindy Hollingshead Scholarship Fund.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company (if Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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