

# Women's Leadership in Agriculture Scholarship Program

The Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee has helped establish the Women's Leadership in Agriculture Scholarship Program. Founded in 1908 by Cincinnati business leader, Jacob G. Schmidlapp, the Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund is the country's oldest fund solely dedicated to "ennoble, to uplift and to strengthen the lives of young women." After losing his daughter in an automobile accident, Mr. Schmidlapp channeled his grief into the creation of the Fund to allow other young women to, unlike his daughter, realize their lives' dreams



## 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 2010-11 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. Other Considerations:
  - The Applicant *does not need to be* a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau, their respective county Farm Bureau and/or member of any club or organization directly related to vocational agriculture.
  - While the Applicant *does not need to be* pursuing a degree directly connected to a school and/or college of agriculture, he/she must explain how a particular aspect of the field of agriculture (food production, scientific research, education/outreach, technical support, food processing, product distribution, marketing, policymaking, advocacy and/or any other personal career/leadership development opportunity pursued by the applicant) impacts their 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 15, 2012.

## **Application for the Women's Leadership in Agriculture Program - 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)/Guardians(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Academic Activities & Accomplishments**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School-Related Organizations, Clubs and Special Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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School-Related Honors, Recognition and Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

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College/Technical School: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## **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: As America enters the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, business, community and government leaders, along with consumers realize that agriculture is more than just the farm. Producers, scientists, researchers, educators, technicians, processors, distributors, marketers, policy makers and advocates will be working together to ensure that agriculture as a profession, industry and way of life continues to prosper, and benefits families in rural, suburban and urban neighborhoods. Describe your academic, vocational and personal career goals concerning agriculture's challenges as detailed above, and how the scholarship can assist you in this process. 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 this 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](mailto:foundation@ofbf.org), or be sent hard copy via U.S. Mail, postmarked by the deadline and delivered to:

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