



The OAAS 175th Central Canada Exhibition Association Scholarship Application

The Ontario Association of Agricultural Society (OAAS) is pleased to offer a scholarship program to provide financial assistance for students within the province who are enrolled in a post-secondary diploma or undergraduate degree program.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. The applicant must be enrolled in their second year or later, as an undergraduate student, registered in a minimum 2-year program at an Ontario post-secondary institution, and provide proof of enrollment.
2. Applicant must be under the age of 30 years old, at the time of application.
3. The applicant must be endorsed by their local Agricultural Society.
4. The endorsing Agricultural Society must be in good standing with the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS), meaning the current year's membership fees are paid by the application deadline and they have no outstanding payments due to the OAAS.
5. The applicant must be involved in school and/or community activities. i.e., 4-H member, school sports/band/clubs, hockey/soccer teams, volunteer within their Agricultural Society and volunteers and/ or is involved in their school and/or community.
6. Part-time students are eligible for this scholarship.
7. **A 500-word essay** written by the student on *their future plans for contributing as a volunteer within their current or future community*.
8. Provide two *Letters of Recommendation* from two different individuals who knows the applicant well, excluding family members. This letter should highlight the skills and abilities that demonstrates the applicant is best qualified for this scholarship. These letters are required in order to be eligible for the scholarship. The Letters of Recommendations can come from an Ag Society board member or volunteer, from someone in the community/school or past/current employer.
9. It is the intention of the OAAS to award up to 4 (FOUR) \$2,000.00 scholarships, annually.
10. An unofficial transcript must be submitted with application, from the most current completed year.
11. An Agricultural Society can endorse **more than one** applicant and are encouraged to do so if there is more than one qualified applicant.
12. *Scholarship recipients will be announced and awarded in in Fall 2022 and a recent photo must be submitted at that time.*

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

- ☐ Include applicant's and endorsing Agricultural Society's names on each page of the application (John Doe, ABC Agricultural Society)
 - ☐ Number the application pages, including the 2-page application form, 2 Letters of Recommendation, essay, and any other attachments as follows: 1 of total number of pages. ex. 1 of 5 pages, in total
 - ☐ If submitting electronically, save the file as Lastname_Firstname_Scholarship application
 - ☐ Applicant and endorsing Agricultural Society should keep a copy of all pages and attachments for reference
- Scholarship recipient will receive complimentary registration to the upcoming convention, accommodations are not included.**

DEADLINES

- ☐ July 31 Application Deadline
- ☐ September 30 Letter of notification will be sent to all applicants and their endorsing Agricultural Society regarding the committee's decision.

Applications must be submitted to the OAAS Office.

Email: scholarship@oaasfairs.com
Subject line: Scholarship Application - Application name

Mail Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies
1911 Foxboro - Stirling Rd.
Stirling, Ontario K0K 3E0

****incomplete applications will not be considered****

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Once a student receives a scholarship, they are no longer eligible to apply for a future scholarship.
- Applications that are not selected are not carried forward – applicants must reapply to be considered for future scholarships.
- The OAAS will not be responsible for lost or incomplete applications.
- Conflicts of Interest should be declared for any OAAS Provincial Board of Directors who sit on their selection committee

SCORING CRITERIA

1. Meet specified criteria

- Enrolled in at least 2nd year, of a minimum two year program at an Ontario post-secondary institution 20
- Endorsed by a local agricultural society, that is good standing with the OAAS
- Applicant must be involved in school and/or community activities
- 500-word essay completed and submitted 40
- 2 letters of recommendation, included

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- Information 30
- Educational Background
- Transcript
- Additional Information

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3. Completion of Student Scholarship Application (p.4)

TOTAL 100



Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Student Scholarship Application

(To be completed by Student Applicant)

INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Town: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell: (____) _____ - _____

Endorsing Agricultural Society Name: _____

Are you a member of the endorsing Agricultural Society? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you volunteer for the endorsing Agricultural Society? ☐ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

What post-secondary educational institution are you attending? _____

What program are you enrolled in? (Include details and program description): _____

Have you already completed a post-secondary certificate, diploma, or degree program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe the program: _____

What year of post-secondary education are you going into? ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

Which do you plan to achieve? ☐ Certificate ☐ Diploma ☐ Degree

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Answer the following questions on a separate page(s)

- ☐ What are your career goals?
- ☐ Describe your volunteer contributions - Provide a detailed description for each category-below. (must include specific details – Community and/or Extra Curricular activities, School (i.e. length of involvement, specific committees, activities, sports, organizations, etc.)
- ☐ List any awards or special recognition
 - 1) Agricultural Society activities with your endorsing Agricultural Society
 - 2) Community and School Activities



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- In the two (2) Letters of Recommendation provided, please be sure the following details are included:
 - Relationship to the Nominee
 - Details including nominee's leadership qualities, communication abilities, agricultural society/community/school involvement and outstanding achievements

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT CHECK LIST

- ☐ Read and reviewed the rules and regulations on page 1
- ☐ Application form (page 2)
- ☐ Proof of enrollment at post-secondary school
- ☐ Endorsed by local agricultural society, who is good standing with the OAAS
- ☐ A 500-word essay required on the applicant's *future plans for contributing as a volunteer within their community*.
- ☐ Two Letters of Recommendation, including details listed above.

APPLICANT DECLARATION & PRIVACY

I authorize the Ontario Association of Agricultural Society to collect and use any of this personal information for the purposes of communicating with me, assessing my application for a scholarship, and awarding such scholarship should my application be approved. I hereby consent and give to the Ontario Association of Agricultural Society to post/publish my photo and/or name should my application be chosen for an award. I certify that the information in the application is complete and correct. I authorize the selection committee to confirm any and all information contained herein."

Signature of Applicant

Date

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ENDORSEMENTS

I hereby verify the information in this application regarding their involvement in our agricultural society to be correct and endorse this applicant:

Agricultural Society President: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Agricultural Society Director: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Date of Submission: ____/____/____
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