



**PAUL AND NANCY SEMMEL AND FAMILY
SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURE**

The Lehigh County Farm Bureau is pleased to offer scholarship grant(s) of \$1,000 toward higher education or skill training to a college and technical/trade school students pursuing a career in agriculture or an agriculture-related field. The scholarship is non-renewable.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- **The applicant must be a legal resident of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.**
- **This scholarship is available to students who have graduated from high school or have a GED.**
- **Student is pursuing a career in agriculture or an agricultural related field.**
- **Student is enrolled and attending on a full-time basis a 4-year Program of Study at a Technical/ Trade School, community college or college or university and are going into or are in their Sophomore, Junior or Senior year.**
- **This scholarship is also available to students attending full-time a 2-year Program of Study at a Technical/ Trade School or community college who are going into or are in their 2nd (last) year of study.**

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- **A primary consideration will be financial need.** Documentation to demonstrate self-contribution to educational expenses via loans, debt, or by working full or part time. Proof shall be submitted. This proof may consist of loan level statements and purpose, credit card outstanding balances and a record of the school related charges, or pay stubs showing year-to-date earnings and expense receipts. Social Security Number and other sensitive information should be redacted.
- **Applicant's record of scholastic achievement and extracurricular activities** without regard to race, sex, or religion will be considered as a discriminator if there are students with similar financial need.
- **The application form must be accompanied by the applicant's transcript or other form(s) showing grades.**
- **The application form must be accompanied by proof of attendance.** Grade reports would be acceptable.
- **One letter of recommendation must accompany the application.** The recommendation should be from a person who can vouch for the applicant's character, ability and/or effort. For example, the recommendation may be from an instructor, employer, religious leader, extracurricular/hobby associate or leader, co-worker, or parent as employer.

- **An approximately 250-word statement.** This statement should give reason(s) for choosing agriculture as field of study, what you hope to do with your education in agriculture, and why you feel you deserve this grant.
- Personal interviews may be conducted at the Board's discretion.

AWARD PROCESS:

- Selection of the recipient will be the responsibility of the Lehigh County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. If the applicant is related to a member of the Board, that member shall recuse him/herself from the evaluation process. If no applicant is viewed as qualified, no award will be made.

PROCEDURES:

Scholarship Applications and accompanying documents must be received on or before July first.

Questions: Bill Boyd, President LCFB. E-mail: boydfarm28@gmail.com, Phone: 610 682-2836

Selection will be by August 15th.

APPLICATIONS SHALL BE MAILED TO:

Bill Boyd, President LCFB 269 Barclay St., Mertztown, PA 19539

RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY FIRST OR IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED



POST HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____
Street & No. City State ZIP

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: () _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME, ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S):

NAME, LOCATION & YEAR OF SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED (Address Required):

FIELD OF STUDY IN AGRICULTURE, AGRI-BUSINESS OR RELATED FIELD:

SCHOOL ATTENDING (Address Required):

LIST SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Attach additional pages, if needed):

IDENTIFY AREAS OF OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC, EXTRACURRICULAR OR COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS (Attach additional pages, if needed):

LIST AGRICULTURAL BACKGROUND (Attach additional pages, if needed):

LIST WORK EXPERIENCE (Attach additional pages, if needed):

STATEMENT GIVING REASON(S) FOR CHOOSING AGRICULTURE AS FIELD OF STUDY, WHAT YOU HOPE TO DO WITH YOUR EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURE, AND WHY YOU FEEL YOU DESERVE THIS GRANT. (Attach additional pages, if needed):

I UNDERSTAND THE SELECTION PROCEDURES AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANY MISREPRESENTATION OF THE FACTS ON THIS APPLICATION WILL BE CAUSE FOR CANCELLATION OF THE APPLICATION.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____