

North Dakota Winter Show Foundation
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Scholarship Guidelines

IMPORTANT: Please read all guidelines before completing this application. All applications **MUST** be typed. Application forms are in PDF format. Complete application and **SAVE** to your computer. You must print off the application. Applications must include the application form; high school verification form; references; and your narrative. **ALL APPLICATIONS AND HIGH SCHOOL VERIFICATION FORMS MUST BE SIGNED.**

Who is Eligible: To be eligible to apply for a scholarship applicant must be a resident of North Dakota; meet criteria of academic standing; have enrollment plans at a college or university in North Dakota; and demonstrate leadership, character, and citizenship.

Application Deadline: The deadline for submitting applications is **February 15** of this year. Applications will be accepted if postmarked on or before that date. Applications must be mailed to the address shown above, or hand delivered to the North Dakota Winter Show office, by the application deadline.

Scholarship Amounts: The amount of the scholarship is currently \$500. Up to two (2) scholarships are available.

Requirements/Criteria: The following requirements/criteria apply to all applications.

Citizenship: The applicant must be a citizen of the United States or be born in the United States and be a resident of the State of North Dakota.

Residency: The applicant must be a graduating senior or have been a qualified mid-term graduate of an accredited North Dakota High School.

Academic Standing: The applicant must be a graduating senior ranked in the upper one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of his/her graduating class at the completion of his/her first semester of the senior year or at the time of applicant's mid-term graduation.

College/University Acceptance/Enrollment: The applicant must enroll, or plan to enroll, in either a college or university in the State of North Dakota with preference given to applicants who pursue a curriculum leading to a degree in an agricultural related career.

Activities: Leadership potential and character of the applicant should be demonstrated through an applicant's response to the categories of the application detailing school, extra-curricular and community activities and achievements. Participation in agricultural experiences, such as 4-H projects, SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience), or other individual experiences help determine responsibility, character, and commitment to agriculture.

Narrative: Each applicant must include a typed narrative of no more than two (2) 8½ x 11 pages, double-spaced, 12 point font. The narrative is extremely important as it takes the place of a personal interview. It should address why a career in agriculture is important to the applicant. In the narrative, the applicant should also present any information he/she feels the evaluation should pay any particular attention to. **Applicant's name, address, and high school must appear as a heading to the narrative in the upper right hand corner of page one.**

References: Each application must submit two (2) letters of personal reference from persons other than the high school official who certifies the application. Suitable references would include 4-H leaders, extension personnel, FFA advisors, employers, teachers, or others who are familiar with the applicant's work ethic, skills, attitude, and commitment to agriculture.

Photo: Please submit a wallet-size photo with application which may be used for publicity purposes.

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North Dakota Winter Show Foundation Scholarship Application Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

High School Name: _____

US Citizen: Yes No

North Dakota Resident: Yes No

Briefly describe your school activities (750 characters maximum):

Briefly list your community activities and achievements (750 characters maximum):

I will be a full time college student in the fall: Yes No

I intend to enroll at: _____

Intended Major Field of Study: _____

Provide information of two persons submitting letters of reference for you: Suitable references would include 4-H leaders, extension personnel, FFA advisors, employers, teachers or others who are familiar with your work ethic, skills, attitude, and commitment to agriculture. References CAN NOT be from the school official certifying the application. Letters of reference MUST be included with your application.

Name

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Describe your SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) program, 4-H projects or other individual experiences and discuss how they relate to your educational goals (750 characters maximum):

Describe how you have been involved in the North Dakota Winter Show (750 characters maximum):

Briefly describe any other circumstances, financial or otherwise, which you would like considered (500 characters maximum):

NARRATIVE: Attach a TYPED narrative of no more than two (2) 8½ x 11 pages, double spaced, 12 point font on the topic: **“How or Why My Career Will Benefit the Field of Agriculture or a Community”**.

I understand that this application for a scholarship from the North Dakota Winter Show Foundation is to be used for the next school year. Any breach in enrollment or incompleteness of the academic year will require reimbursement of the scholarship to the North Dakota Winter Show Foundation.

Date: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

North Dakota Winter Show Foundation High School Verification Form

DIRECTIONS: This form must be completed by your high school principal or counselor. Their signature is REQUIRED. Form MUST be submitted with the application.

Student Name: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Class Rank: _____ Size of Class: _____ GPA (on 4.0 Scale): _____

COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Composite ACT Score: _____ Test Date: _____

SAT Score Verbal: _____ SAT Score Math: _____

AUTHORIZING HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL INFORMATION:

Your Name: _____ Title: _____

School Address: _____

School City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School Phone: _____ Date Signed: _____

Signature of Authorized Personnel: _____

A copy of the high school transcript must be included with this form.