

**2025 Scholarship Application**

 **Qualifications**

  **A**. Applicant must reside or attend school or be employed in Washington County WI.

 **B**. Applicant must have or be nearing successful completion of a high school diploma or GED.

 **C**. Applicant must be a new or continuing student at any at any accredited technical school, trade school, college, or university with an emphasis in agriculture or a somewhat related field.

**Award**

 **A**. Up to three $1250 scholarships will be awarded (If no eligible candidates are found, the scholarship

 committee has the right to withhold presentation of the awards).

 **B**. Scholarships will be presented to the recipients at the annual Washington County Breakfast on the

 Farm on 6/14/25.

**How to apply**

 **A.** Complete and provide:

 1. Application form

 2. At least two letters of recommendation (guidance counselor, teacher, employer, mentor, etc.)

 3. Transcripts of High School or post-secondary grades from previous semester

 4. Include a one-page essay (not to exceed 400 words) explaining: a. Why have you selected an education in agriculture or related field?

 b. What are your future career goals?

 c. What makes you a unique candidate for this scholarship?

 **B**. Forms can be obtained by e-mailing (**evschaefer64@gmail.com**) or visiting [**www.washingtoncountydairy.com/scholarships**](http://www.washingtoncountydairy.com/scholarships). Applications must be submitted by **mail** postmarked no later than **April 15, 2025,** to the person and address listed below. Applications received with postage due will not be considered.

**Selection process**

 **A.** Selection to be made on the recommendation of the scholarship committee based upon:

 1. An essay by the applicant limited to one page explaining their goals, objectives and need.

 2. **Two** letters of recommendation (from a teacher, employer, counselor, mentor, etc. - parents or

 guardian excluded) to be submitted with application.

 3. Transcript of high school or post-secondary grades.

 4. Neatness and attention to detail will be part of the selection process. Essay letter must be

 signed by applicant.

**Payment of scholarship funds**

 **A**. Proof of completion of the first semester’s course of study via transcript of grades is required

 by February 1, 2026. A 2.5 C+ grade point average or better and enrollment in the second

 semester studies are also required. Payment to be made by February 14, 2026.

**Submit application by April 15, 2025 to:**

*Ellen Schaefer*

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