

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria and Process

Purpose: This scholarship is established to support students pursuing a career in Agriculture Production

**1. Criteria**

**a. Eligible Students who can apply**

Note requirement or preferences

US Citizen or eligible non citizen	Yes	
Oregon Resident	Yes	
College Undergrad	Yes	Must be sophomore or above
College Graduate Student	Yes	
Prior Award Recipient	Yes	

**b. College Enrollment / major**

Plan to enroll full time	YES	
College Major	YES	Agriculture, Agriculture Business Management, Agriculture Production, Agriculture related industry
Career Field	YES	Preference to agriculture production based career paths

**c. Eligible Institutions (where award may be used)**

Public College / Universities (4 year)	YES	
Located in Oregon	YES	

**2. Scholarship Awards**

Applicant may reapply & compete	YES	Maximum 3 years for undergraduates and 2 for graduates
Auto Renewable Awards	NO	

**3. Additional Selection Criteria**

FINANCIAL NEED	NO	FASFA NOT REQUIRED
ACADEMICS	YES	GPA 3.0 or higher required – provide transcripts

**4. Student Qualities (Ranked with 1 being highest priority)**

Knowledge / creativity / strength / Skills	3	
Community service / leadership / group contributions	2	
History of related experiences and training	1	Preference for FFA, 4H or other agriculture related participation
Continuity of field of study	2	

### **To Submit Application for Award**

Students apply by submitting an application and required materials by deadline to:  
WVAA at PO Box 307, Albany OR 97321

### **Selection**

A committee appointed by the Willamette Valley Agriculture Association Board of Directors shall serve as the selection committee for the scholarship.

The WVAA does not discriminate for or against any person on the basis of ethnicity, nationality, place of origin, religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, family relationships, economic status, age, or mental or physical disability.

### **Awarding and reporting**

Scholarship funds shall be paid directly to the schools. Arrangements shall be made by recipient with schools for reporting back to the WVAA on enrollment of recipient and appropriate use of funds. WVAA shall closely monitor the distribution and use of scholarship funds and investigate any possible misuse. WVAA will withhold funding if impropriety is found or suspected and seek recovery of any misused funds.

### **Confidentiality**

It is the policy of the Willamette Valley Agriculture Association that all documents and information provided to the WVAA for scholarship consideration shall be used solely for determining recipients. All application materials are confidential and shall be used only during the selection process, and for no other purpose. Application materials shall be held by WVAA for a reasonable time and then destroyed.

### **Amount of funding**

The WVAA Board of Directors shall determine the amount of scholarship funds, the total number of awards to be given and at what frequency in the first quarter of each calendar year as part of its normal budget process. The board may at its discretion determine that there are no funds available in any given year and decide to conclude the scholarship or suspend it. Funding for scholarship is derived from proceeds of the Willamette Valley Ag Expo in November, donors and fundraisers and as such is subject to change.

### **Student responsibility to attend**

The annual event produced by the WVAA takes place in November in Albany. The board of directors requires recipient participation at the special function on Wednesday evening to assist with promotion of the scholarship program. The board understands there may be travel costs for some students and will reimburse on a case by case basis. Attendance at the event would include meeting the public and helping to promote the scholarship through active communication, handing out materials, answering questions and assisting with the event when possible. Arrangements for student participation will be made individually through the staff for the WVAA by the students.

### **Contact and questions**

Questions regarding this scholarship can be directed to: Jill Ingalls  
Willamette Valley Agriculture Association, PO Box 307, Albany OR 97321  
800-208-2160 [info@wvaexpo.com](mailto:info@wvaexpo.com)

WVAA Scholarship

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Willamette Valley Agriculture Association  
Scholarship Application Form

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Please complete this form in FULL. Incomplete applications are considered ineligible.**

(Also available in fillable pdf from [www.wvaexpo.com](http://www.wvaexpo.com))

(Examples: if an attachment is used to complete an item, be sure to write, see attachment, and then correctly label your attachment with the appropriate item number AND follow the same form used in the Scholarship Application. Do Not leave any item blank.)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone/ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Applicant will apply to enter, or is currently enrolled in what institution or higher education?

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2) Academic Level for school year applied for: Sophomore ( ) Junior ( ) Senior ( ) Graduate ( )

3) Major Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_

4) Please list the Oregon High school from which you graduated:

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5) Be certain your transcripts are included with this application (*last full academic year in school required*)

6) Applicant's overall GPA from: Jr. College \_\_\_\_\_; Four-Year College \_\_\_\_\_

7) List: school activities, citizenship and scholastic recognition, awards and honors

8) List involvement in community activities and service

9) Describe your top three leadership experiences

10) a) List your work experience

b) Describe your job responsibilities and activities

11) CONFIDENTIAL LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

a) Applicant must submit THREE letters of recommendation, giving information about his / her character, leadership ability, and community service. At least one of the three letters must be from a current or previous employer. The letters must be received by the application deadline, preferably sealed and enclosed with the application.

b) Please provide the names and occupations of the individuals who will be supplying the confidential letters of recommendation. If farm worker and employer was parent it is acceptable for them to write one of the letters.

12) PERSONAL STATEMENT QUESTIONS - - PROVIDE AS PART OF THE APPLICATION

a) Explain your career aspirations and your educational plan to meet these goals

b) Describe a challenge or obstacle you faced in the last ten years, how you dealt with it and what you learned.

c) Describe a personal accomplishment and the strengths and skills you used to achieve it

d) Explain how you have helped your family or made your community a better place to live, provide examples.

Return completed application, attachments and required documents to WVAA PO Box

307 Albany OR 97321 Deadline for the academic year 2017-2018 is April 28, 2017