

Willamette Valley Agriculture Association

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria and Process

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

Criteria

a. Eligible Students who can apply

Note requirement or preferences

US Citizen or eligible non-citizen	Yes	
Oregon Resident	Yes	
College Undergrad	Yes	
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/University (4 years)	Yes	
Located in Oregon	Yes	

Scholarship Awards

Applicant may reapply & compete	Yes	Maximum: 3 years for undergraduates and 2 for graduates
Auto-Renewable Awards	No	

Additional Selection Criteria

Financial Need	No	FAFSA not required
Academics	Yes	GPA 3.0 or higher required - PROVIDE TRANSCRIPTS

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 can apply online at wvaexpo.com/scholarships or by mailing their application by deadline to:

WVAA
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

Willamette Valley Agriculture Association Scholarship Application Form

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete this form in **FULL**. Incomplete applications are considered ineligible. Credentials not required at time of application.

Also available in fillable pdf from 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 _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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

2) Academic Level of school year applying for: Frosh. () Soph. () Jr. () Sr. () Graduate ()

3) Major Course of Study _____

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

5) High School overall GPA: _____

6) Please list GPA from most recent enrollment and list level: i.e. 3.24 community college, freshman
(NOTE: transcripts may be requested after review of application)

Most recent enrollment GPA: _____

7) List involvement in community activities and service

8) Describe your top two leadership experiences

9) List your work experience, job duties, and responsibilities

10) Share your career aspirations and your educational plan to meet these goals

11) Describe a challenge or obstacle you faced in the last 10 years, how you dealt with it and what you learned.

12) How have you helped your family or made your community a better place to live. Please provide examples

13) Will you be returning to a family business/farm as a result of completing your education?

Return completed application, attachments and required documents to:

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Deadline for the academic year 2025-2026 is MAY 30, 2025