Dutchess County Agricultural Society Inc
(Dutchess County Fair)

2019 Scholarship Application

The Dutchess County Agricultural Society Inc. (DCAS Inc.) offers an annual scholarship a maximum of $8,000 paid up to (4) consecutive years in increments of $2,000 per annum. Applicant must be a Dutchess County resident and/or participate in the programs operated by DCAS Inc.; demonstrate commitment to an involvement in volunteer service in the community; plan to attend (or already attend) a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four year college or university to commence no later than the fall of 2019. Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment and attendance for the entire 2019 – 2020 academic year.

Purpose
To provide financial assistance to those high school and college students who intend to pursue or who are pursuing a degree in agriculture, horticulture or human ecology or a career related to agriculture or horticulture at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

Eligibility
Applicant must be a Dutchess County resident and/or participate in the programs operated by DCAS Inc.; demonstrate commitment to an involvement in volunteer service in the community; enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four year college or university to commence no later than the fall of 2018. Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment and attendance for the entire 2018 – 2019 academic year.

Deadline
Student must submit his/her application to the Fair no later than May 10, 2019.

Scoring
Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

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Instructions
Make sure that you complete the entire application according to the directions. Return the completed application to the Fairgrounds Office by May 10, 2019. The Selection Committee is looking for well-rounded applicants and will base its decision on a variety of criteria, including academics, community service and fair participation, as well as the overall appearance of your application. You may add additional pages as necessary. Applications must be printed on plain stock white paper.

Checklist
_____ Scholarship application
   a. Completed online and then printed
_____ Two letters of recommendation (will not be accepted without a date and a signature)
_____ Transcript

For high school seniors: from Grade 9 through 1st semester of Grade 12
For college students: from Grade 9 through Grade 12 AND college transcript through 1st semester of the current academic/school year

Return to DCAS Inc., PO Box 389, Rhinebeck NY 12572 by May 10, 2019.

Indicate which scholarship you are applying for by double-clicking on the appropriate box:

COLLEGE ENTRANT ☐ CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENT ☐

NAME OF APPLICANT________________________________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS: STREET__________________________________________________

CITY__________________________ STATE__________ ZIP CODE____________

PHONE NUMBER________________________ AGE____ SEX: M ☐ F ☐

CELL PHONE NUMBER________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS__________________________________________________________

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL____________________________________________________

GRADE POINT AVERAGE__________ RANK IN CLASS_____________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S) OCCUPATION
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NAMES OF BROTHERS/SISTERS

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NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHICH YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR ARE ALREADY ATTENDING

NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE, HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED?
Y ☐ N ☐ IF YES, WHERE?______________________________

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY OR OCCUPATIONAL INTEREST

EXPLAIN YOUR CAREER GOALS. IF YOUR GOALS RELATE TO AGRICULTURE, FAIR MANAGEMENT, HORTICULTURE OR HUMAN ECOLOGY, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

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(For the following, please attach additional sheets, properly labeled if necessary)

A. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (List of offices held, if any)

B. COMMUNITY SERVICE (Church, clubs, organizations, etc.)

C. AWARDS RECEIVED (School, community, clubs, organizations, etc.)

D. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR (Type of involvement, awards, years, etc.)
E. WORK EXPERIENCE (List of dates, employer, duties)

F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT APPLICATION

REFERENCES  Please attach two (2) recent letters of reference pertaining specifically to this application. These letters must be dated and signed; they will not be accepted without a date and signature.

For the following, please attach a separate sheet and explain in as much detail as possible.

ESSAY  (Tell us in 500 words): “What experiences have you had exhibiting at the Dutchess County Fair that you feel will help you with your future goals?”

TRANSCRIPT
High school seniors:  Please attach a transcript from Grade 9 through 1st semester Grade 12.
College students:  Please attach a transcript from Grade 9 through Grade 12 AND a college transcript through 1st semester of the current academic/school year.

FILING DEADLINE  Your application must be received by the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Office by May 10, 2019. Applications postmarked May 10 or before will be accepted.

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Signature of Applicant                Signature of Parent or Guardian
______________________________  ______________________________
Date signed                                  Date signed

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