

Wayne/Pike County Farm Bureau

**62 Skyview Lane
Hawley, PA 18428**

December 15, 2023

Dear High School Counselor,

The Wayne/Pike County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce their scholarship opportunity for area high school seniors. All seniors in the Wayne/Pike County Farm Bureau service area, which includes Wayne and Pike counties, are encouraged to apply. A monetary total will be divided among winning candidates at the discretion of the Wayne/Pike County Farm Bureau. The cash awards may be used toward tuition, room, board, books and school supplies.

The Wayne/Pike County Farm Bureau offers the **"Agriculture, The Heart of a Growing Wayne/Pike County" Scholarship** to deserving high school seniors as a way to heighten a long-term interest in agriculture and its varied positive impacts in our area. The local Farm Bureau also hopes to promote student consideration of the growing field of agricultural career opportunities such as: Food Science & Processing, Nutrition, Biotechnology, Wildlife Conservation, Botany, Forestry, Natural Resources Management, Renewable Energy, Mechanics, Landscaping, Ag Education, Ag Communications, Animal Science, Horticulture and Agronomy.

Winners will be selected from the completed applications received on or before the **February 28, 2024** deadline, at the above address. Winners will be selected utilizing a scoring combination composed of academics, community and school involvement, work history and career goals, as well as the essay. A panel of judges will score the applications. Awards will be presented at the Wayne/Pike County Farm Bureau Spring Meeting in April.

Please feel free to make copies of the application to distribute to interested student candidates. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

**TO ASSURE TIMELY DELIVERY OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
PLEASE SEND BY CERTIFIED MAIL.**

Sincerely,

Joyce Carson, Secretary (570) 226 – 3864

Bonnie LaTourette, Scholarship Chair (570) 729 – 8499

Agriculture, The Heart of a Growing Wayne/Pike County

Address

City

State

Zip

County of Residence

Home Phone ()

Parents Names

Are you or your family currently Wayne/Pike County Farm Bureau members? yes no

Are you or a family member currently involved in Agricultural production? ☐ yes ☐ no

I am currently a High School Senior in Wayne or Pike County yes no

Name of High School, Address and Phone

Graduation Date

I will be a full time college/tech student in the fall of 2024
☐ yes ☒ no

Please enclose an Official High School Transcript complete to the date of your school career.

I certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate and truthful. False information will lead to disqualification.

Applicant's Signature (required)

In the fall I plan to attend (Name of University, Community College, Technical School or Trade School)

My course of study or major will be:

Please enclose one Letter of Recommendation from a person who is not related to you.

Name of person making recommendation:

Phone #

Post mark your completed application by the February 28, 2024 deadline. Timely submission, completeness, quality and neatness will add to your score, thereby increasing your chance to win.

Use this checklist as a tool to prepare application.

High School Transcript

 Activities (High School Related)

_____ Agriculture Topic Essay

Work Experience

Activities Outside of High School

Personal Letter of Recommendation

Statement of Future Goals

Student Signature and Date

Parent Signature and Date

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Please tell us about your involvement/achievements in community and non-school activities such as: agricultural youth involvement, i.e. 4-H, volunteer efforts, fire departments, church groups, etc.

Please tell us about your major extracurricular school-related activities during high school such as: band, sports, debate, drama, yearbook, class officer, honor society.

Please describe in your own words any jobs you have held or work you did during the last three years, either for your family on the farm or for outside employers. (If your family is in production agriculture, describe how you contribute.)

Describe your career goal and how it will impact the agricultural community. Describe how you intend to use your studies and talents in the future.

Essay: Please choose one topic and write an essay of approximately 500 words.

1. What are the main issues facing modern agriculture, including climate, and how does it adjust?
2. Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), crops and therefore foods have been around for decades; yet still controversial. Write a position paper on the pros or cons of this issue.
3. What is the public's misunderstanding of agriculture and how do we educate and change the narrative?

Scholarship Conditions

- The scholarship funds are one-time awards.
- The student recipient must either enroll as a full-time student in the fall of the year in which the scholarship was awarded or return the funds.
- The scholarship recipients agree to the use of their names in the media and press releases.

Applicant's Signature (Required) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required) _____

Mail completed application and essay together in one envelope,
postmarked no later than **February 28, 2024** to:

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