



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The purpose of the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association Scholarship is to help our Hudson Valley youth further their education with a preference to those pursuing a field of study related to agriculture, although any major may be considered. Only studies at undergraduate, fully accredited two or four-year colleges, universities or technical schools are acceptable.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD?

- Preference will be given to entering freshmen, undergraduates and upper classmen are eligible.
- Any DCSWGA member meeting the criteria.
- Hudson Valley high school seniors with a current **Sheep** or **Wool** project for a minimum of two years.
- Past Hudson Valley 4-H/FFA members (meeting the above criteria) who are currently enrolled in an accredited college, university or technical school as an undergraduate.
- All applicants must be in good academic standing in their enrolled school.
- However, undergraduates and upper classmen are eligible. Previous applicants who have not yet received this award are eligible to re-apply and will be considered for this award as long as they are attending a 2 or 4 year school of higher education.
- Undergraduates and upperclassmen that apply and are living **out of state at school** should contact the DCSWGA scholarship chairman for a special circumstances interview.

IS THIS TO BE AN ANNUAL AWARD?

- The award will be made on a semester-by-semester basis. The award must be used within one academic year after presentation.
- The DCSWGA reserves the right to NOT award a scholarship at their discretion.

HOW IS THE FUND ADMINISTERED?

The Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation, administers the scholarship by way of a separate account.

ON WHAT BASIS WILL WINNERS BE SELECTED?

The Scholarship Committee will make recommendations to the DCSWGA, Inc. President for an impartial Selection Panel of judges each year. The DCSWGA, Inc. President will then appoint the Selection Panel. Three impartial DCSWGA, Inc. members will serve as the Selection Panel. They will use a score sheet (see page 6) to judge the criteria from the following:

- A personal interview. Interview will take place at the DCSWGA office in Red Hook, Dutchess County, NY.
- Completed written application
- Official high school or college transcripts
- A copy of SAT or ACT test scores is required to apply for scholarship
- A biography, including a description of your sheep/wool project, 4-H/FFA leadership (IF APPLICABLE), community service, other awards and activities and what qualities or values are most important to you in life? Include how sheep or wool project have influenced your life.
- Other awards received
- References
- Include 3 letters of reference. Example - from your current or past 4-H/FFA Leader or 4-H/FFA Staff member and two letters of reference from additional sources (not 4-H/FFA related)
- Other pertinent information
- The acceptance Agreement is due **July 1st**. **If not returned you will forfeit the DCSWGA SCHOLARSHIP**

Address: DCSWGA Scholarship
PO Box 415
Red Hook, NY 12571

CHECKLIST

Please make sure that all of the following have been included in your application. If references are sent separately it is your responsibility to ensure that they are received by the **deadline April 1st**. We strongly recommend that you mail your application “**Return Receipt Requested**”.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

___ Completed written application, including **signatures**

___ **Signed and dated Agreement** (page 5)

___ Official high school or college transcripts

___ Copy of SAT or ACT test scores

___ A biography, including a description of your sheep/wool project, 4-H/FFA leadership, community service, other awards and activities and what qualities or values are most important to you in life? Include how sheep have influenced your life.

___ Other awards received

___ References
 Include 3 letters of reference

___ Other pertinent information

NAME: _____ **DATE OF APPLICATION:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE: _____ **DATE OF GRADUATION:** _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: _____

WHAT EMPLOYMENT HAVE YOU HELD: _____

WHAT TYPES OF WORK WERE INVOLVED:

WHAT SCHOOL ARE YOU PLANNING ON ATTENDING? _____

WHAT WAS YOUR ACCEPTANCE DATE? _____ **START DATE?** _____

WHAT MAJOR WILL YOU BE STUDYING? _____

Please write a complete biography, including a description of your sheep/wool project, 4-H/FFA leadership, community service, other awards and activities and what qualities or values are most important to you in life? Include how sheep have influenced your life.

Please attach your biography to this application. References may be sent separately to the address below.

Please include a copy of your most current, official school transcripts, the mailing address of the college/ university where a winning fellowship check may be sent (if known).

SEND ALL RELATED MATERIALS TO:

DCSWGGA SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR
DCSWGGA, P.O. Box 415, Red Hook, NY 12571

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 1st.