

# SPOKANE AGSHOW

## SPOKANE AG SHOW Scholarship Application

Application must be postmarked by December 15

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### MAIL COMPLETED PACKET TO:

Spokane Ag Show

Attn: Scholarship Application

PO Box 625

Spokane, WA 99210

### **SCHOLARSHIP BASICS**

Completed scholarship application packets must include the following:

- Application
- High school transcript
- Two letters of reference
- Personal Profile essay
- Essay
- Amateur introduction video

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DEFINITION

The program is exclusively for active Inland Northwest agricultural/farm families and their children. Area high school seniors who plan to study agriculture and can still be claimed as legal dependents are eligible. Scholarships will be awarded to students attending accredited schools in any state. Scholarship checks will be paid directly to colleges, universities and trade schools.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Spokane Ag Show Scholarship Committee will review applications and select the scholarship recipients. Relatives of committee members are not eligible to apply for a scholarship.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

High school seniors are required to submit a completed application and requested information to be eligible and considered for the scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Official transcript and grades = 25%
- Essay = 30%
- Personal profile = 30%
- Video = 10%
- Two letters of recommendation = 5%

After the closing date of December 15 the selection committee will meet in January and recipients will be chosen and notified at the Ag Show FFA program on February 6.

## **APPLICATION DETAILS**

### **High school transcript**

Submit an official copy of your high school and/or college transcript for the last 12 months. Both are needed if the student has not been attending college for a full year. High school seniors will need to submit your junior and senior year grades. An official transcript often includes an official seal or tamper proof marks or is enclosed in a sealed envelope with the outside flap stamped with the school seal. Transcripts can also be mailed directly from the school to Inland, but must be clearly marked with the applicant's name. Inland is not responsible for lost documents. If transcripts will be mailed from the school, please indicate that on your application.

### **Two letters of reference**

Include two letters of reference. One reference must be from a teacher or other school faculty member. Applicants may not submit letters of recommendation written by family members.

### **Personal Profile**

In 350 words or less, write a short paragraph about yourself. Include your school involvement, community/family service and work experience. Describe in detail the top civic/community activities and other extra curricular activities in which you actively participate. How has your life been influenced by agriculture? What are your college goals? What do you plan to do after college? Describe why you believe you should be considered for the scholarship. Please detail any special circumstances.

### **Essay**

Please choose one of the following essay topics below. The essay must be between 500 to 750 words. Please type your selected essay topic at the top of your essay. Applications are kept anonymous, so please do not refer to yourself or any family members by name. In your own words, write an essay based on **one** of the following topics:

- How do you see technology impacting agriculture?
- What do you believe is the biggest challenge to the agricultural industry today?
- How would you get the American public more involved/aware of what is going on in agriculture and the food industry?
- Describe the solutions you would propose to improve or resolve a current issue, such as healthcare, the economy, discrimination, etc.

### **Amateur introduction video**

In addition to the application, please submit a brief introductory video (1 minute) that allows the judges to know you better personally. The video does not need to be professionally edited, but you should take the opportunity to showcase your background and interests. It can be as simple as standing in a wheat field and introducing yourself using a smartphone. The video should be sent in a common video file format such as .mpg or .mov. Please use a flash drive for submission.



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**APPLICATION FORM**

Students, please provide the following information and send with the requested application requirements. Decisions and awards will be made by committee members of the Spokane Ag Show Scholarship Committee. All decisions are final.

Name of applicant/student (First, Middle, Last):

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Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript mailed by school? Yes No

Description of affiliation to agriculture:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I declare that the enclosed information is correct to the best of my knowledge. (A legal dependent is defined as one who is claimed on their parent or guardian's tax return.)

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Applicant Signature

Date