

MARATHON COUNTY FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND

Originally established as the Marathon County Farm Progress Days Scholarship Fund, the Marathon County Farm Technology Days Scholarship Fund, is designed to promote continuing educational opportunities in the field of agriculture and to provide educational opportunities during various stages of an individual's life and/or career.

In 1996, Marathon County hosted Wisconsin Farm Progress Days at the Ross-Hart Farms in Marathon. The three-day event was the largest agricultural show in Wisconsin and one of the largest in the nation.

The event showcased the latest improvements in agricultural production, including many practical applications of recent research and technological developments.

Farm Progress Days, chaired by Ken Sipple, was a tremendous success in all respects and a tribute to the local volunteerism and community support that made it possible.

This successful event generated earnings, which made it possible for local sponsors to fund several community projects and initiatives — including this scholarship fund.

In 2011, Marathon County again hosted what had then become known as Farm Technology Days. Earnings from that event were added to the original fund to enhance the scholarship program.

Fund Established: November of 1997

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PURPOSE

Scholarships are available to qualified persons at any level of study who are enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a degree program, short course, or continuing education program with an agriculture focus within the University of Wisconsin, or Wisconsin Technical College System. This could include the study of Agribusiness Management, Genetics, Landscape Architecture, Biochemistry, Bacteriology, Food Science, Horticulture, Environmental Sciences, Agricultural Journalism, or other related fields of agricultural study.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply online by visiting www.cfoncw.org. Click on "Grants & Scholarships" / "Scholarships" / "Apply Online Now" to reach the online application portal and begin the registration and application process. If this is your first visit to the site, you will need to "Create an Account." If this is a return visit, enter your email address and password. Choose the appropriate application from the menu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Marathon County resident, or a student currently studying at a school within Marathon County (including the Agricultural Center of Excellence through Northcentral Technical College);
- Planning to pursue a degree program, short course, or continuing education program within the University of Wisconsin, or Wisconsin Technical College System in the upcoming school year;
- Possessing potential for successful work in the agricultural industry as indicated by past record, test data, and other supplemental information

The following will be taken into consideration in the selection process:

- Potential for success in chosen agricultural field of study;
- Commitment to the agricultural industry, especially in Marathon County;
- Relative educational achievement;
- Good character, citizenship, and leadership;
- Financial need

ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement of the scholarship recipient/s will be made in March at the Partnership for Progressive Agriculture Farm-City Dinner. Recipients will be invited and are encouraged to attend.

Students are eligible to receive the scholarship only one time. Applicants who do not receive the scholarship are encouraged to reapply the following year.

PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated. The Foundation will make payment directly to the college or university the student is attending.