

MARATHON COUNTY FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS SCHOLARSHIP



FUND BACKSTORY . . .

Originally established as the Marathon County Farm Progress Days Scholarship Fund in 1997, 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.



Marathon County Farm Technology Days

ELIGIBILITY

- Resident of Marathon County *OR* attending a school in Marathon County
- Planning to attend a college in the University of Wisconsin system *OR* in the Wisconsin Technical College system
- Pursuing a degreed program, short course, or continuing education program with an agriculture focus
 - Ex. Agribusiness Management, Genetics, Landscape Architecture, Biochemistry, Bacteriology, Food Science, Horticulture, Environmental Sciences, Agricultural Journalism, etc.

CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- 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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement of the scholarship recipient/s will be made at the Partnership for Progressive Agriculture Farm-City Dinner. Recipients will be invited and are encouraged to attend. Applicants who do not receive the scholarship are encouraged to reapply the following year.

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