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To Serve And Strengthen Agriculture

April 2017

Please include 2 letters of reference

References:
1. Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

Please attach two (2) essays answering the following questions:

1. What have you done in the past to promote agriculture, based on your experiences in 4-H, FFA, promotional programs, work, etc?
2. How do you plan to use the knowledge gained in college for the future well being of agriculture?

Applicants Signature: _____

Broome County Farm Bureau Membership #: _____

Members Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Relationship of member to applicant:
☐ Self ☐ Parent ☐ Legal Guardian

Members Signature: _____

From the President’s Desk:

For most residents of the U.S., it's been several generations since their families were farmers. As a result, people have little knowledge of what is involved in running a farm today. This disconnect is unfortunate because the rules and regulations placed on agriculture are made by individuals who just aren't familiar with us. Farm Bureau continually has to point out to government the error of its ways. It's unfortunate Albany treats agriculture so poorly, which just happens to be the state’s biggest industry. Bottom line, if we are to survive, we need to tell everyone our story, and why we are important.



So what is Broome County Farm Bureau doing to help the cause? With funds and help from Senator Akshar, Assemblywoman Lupado, and legwork from Cornell Cooperative Extension and the New York Association of Agricultural Educators, we are starting the process of bringing agriculture back to the classroom. Local schools are finding that their curriculum can be better understood by students when presented through everyday events on a farm. With all the technologies involved in agriculture, one has to be strong in math and science. More good news is that several area schools want to start ag education programs and FFA chapters. Broome County Farm Bureau is excited about bringing back agriculture in the classroom and its role in erasing the disconnect between the general public and agriculture.

Farmer Dave

P.S. When you see a Broome County Farm Bureau Board of Directors member thank them, they are working hard for all of us.

Updates and More

Lindsay Wickham, Area Field Supervisor

We finally have a state budget, and just a few days late. The great news is that agriculture really hit a home run this year. All of the usual agricultural programs were fully funded at last year’s level. Agricultural education programs, including Agriculture in the Classroom, FFA, and the NY Association of Ag Educators all saw significant increases in their budgets, continuing an upward trend. Also, with the new CAFO permits, there is \$50 million for manure storage construction in the budget.

Now that budget season is wrapped up in New York, we will be working on other issues going through the state legislature, and also Congress. Don’t forget about our easy-to-use e-lobby site on our website, www.nyfb.org. It is a big black box in the upper right hand corner. It is of vital importance that our members speak up and touch base with their legislators or representatives. It literally takes but a few minutes to generate a letter to any of these folks. It does make a difference, as we see every year when thousands of letters go to our elected officials. We are strong as an organization, but even stronger when our members participate.

For those of you that did not attend the “Show Me The Money” agriculture tax workshop, you missed a great one. The primary speaker, Bob Wright of the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, really dug into both ag assessment and the Farmer’s School Property Tax Credit. It was truly outstanding. I followed up with information on the many other tax abatement programs for farms, including sales and fuel tax exemptions, farm structures, and others. If you ever need info on any of these programs, they are located on our website, www.nyfb.org, or send me a note and I will get them to you. It was probably the best agriculture tax workshop I have ever been to.

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**** AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT ****
2 DAY AUCTION **

**29th Annual Broome County Farm Bureau
Absolute Consignment Auction
Broome County Fairgrounds –
Whitney Point, NY
Friday Afternoon, April 28, 2017
and Saturday, April 29, 2017**

**The Largest Absolute Consignment Auction on
the East Coast.**

Huge Auction of Tractors, Construction & Farm
Equipment, Livestock, Trucks & Trailers, Lawn &
Garden, Etc., Etc.

2-Day Auction: Friday Evening's Auction Will
Consist Of Livestock / Alternative Livestock And
Super Lg. Qty. Of Misc. / Smaller Items – 3
Auctions @ Once; **Saturday's Auction** Will
Include SUPER LARGE Qty. Of: Tractors & Farm
Equipment, Construction Equipment, Lawn &
Garden, Vehicles, Rental Equipment, Nursery
Stock, Etc., Etc.; **NOW ACCEPTING
CONSIGNMENTS!!**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County
has been working extensively with five schools
within Broome and Tioga counties to bring the
Agriculture in the Classroom program. My name is
Sarah Atwood, and I am Broome County's first
Agriculture in the Classroom educator. I hold a New
York State Early Childhood/ Childhood Elementary
School Teaching degree. I was born and raised on a
larger scale horse boarding and training facility. I
have a passion for agriculture and teaching!

This Agriculture in the Classroom pilot program
funded through Senator Akshar's office which
includes: Maine Endwell, Union Endicott, Windsor,
Harpursville, and Owego Apalachin Schools. Each
district has 14 units to use for each month, which
includes but is not limited to lessons and animal
visits. As of April 5, these schools have had lessons
about animal adaptations, calf/making butter lessons,
bees, nutrition, population and the National
Agricultural Literacy book reading of Grapes. I have
seen and exposed roughly 3,500 students to
agriculture.

A special thank you to Broome County Farm Bureau
for donating the Agricultural Literacy Books and
specifically Judi Whittaker for all your help and
information.

Sarah Atwood
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County
Agriculture in the Classroom Educator

FSA Reminder

Any new land pick up to use needs to be reported
within 30 days.

Spring seeding reporting deadline May 15.

Call Maria at 723-1384.

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BROOME COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Up to six \$750 scholarships will be awarded to Farm Bureau Junior members or sons/daughters of
current Broome County Farm Bureau members, to assist students who will be enrolled in an under-
graduate college program in the upcoming school year. One scholarship of \$1000 will be given in
memory of Rance Livingston. Student must be going into the agriculture field.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2017. Absolutely no applications postmarked after May 1
will be accepted. Selection and notification will be made by June 1. Presentation will be made at the
Broome County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in October.

Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed for your responses.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ School to Attend: _____

Area of Study: _____

Future Plans: _____

What year of school are you in now? _____ Academic Average: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

Leadership Activities: _____

Work Experience: _____

Agricultural Experience: _____

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Along those lines, keep your eyes out for those
informational sessions, put on by CCE, Farm
Bureau, Soil and Water and/or the Agriculture Task
Force. All four entities are working hard to get
information out to you on all kinds of things,
whether it is taxes, how to grow or market products,
generational transfer, and many other subjects. Farm
Bureau's Ag Task Force is made up of farmers,
CCE, Soil and Water, county government,
economic development specialists, and other
agencies working for the betterment and expansion
of Broome County's number one industry. It is truly
a remarkable committee and partnership.