



*To Serve and Strengthen Agriculture*

## **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

### **THE 2011 NEW YORK FARM BUREAU AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP**

Sponsored by the New York Farm Bureau Promotion & Education Committee

**Application and information at [www.nyfb.org](http://www.nyfb.org)**

and scroll down to “Farm Essentials”

#### **Please read all instructions**

##### **Criteria**

- ✓ High School Seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry are eligible.
- ✓ Candidates may live or work on a farm or be involved with agriculture via any avenue.
- ✓ Family Farm Bureau membership or Student Farm Bureau membership is required. The application is available at <http://www.nyfb.org/membership/subpage.cfm?ID=49> then scroll down to Scholarship Information & Application.
- ✓ Application via nomination, request or download from the NYFB web site at [www.nyfb.org](http://www.nyfb.org) and scroll down to “Farm Essentials”.

##### **Process and Procedure**

- ✓ Completed application packets will be mailed to New York Farm Bureau (NYFB) in Albany. Deadline of November 19, 2010 post mark. You will receive email confirmation of receipt.
- ✓ The State Promotion & Education Representative will arrange a District level competition with support from the District counties. Scoring will determine the County winners as well as the District Winner. You will be contacted regarding date, time, and location. The judging event may necessitate a personal interview and essay presentation or may be based solely upon the application and attachments. The judging will take place prior to January 20, 2011.
- ✓ The County winner (to receive an award at the discretion of the county) will be the individual with the highest score of county applicants. The overall highest score of all the candidates within the district will be the District winner.
- ✓ **\*\*The District Winners will be eligible for the Scholarship (1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$1,200 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$1,000.) Judging will be based upon the application**

and attachments. After selection as a District Winner, the student will have two weeks in which to update any part of the application submitted. The final application MUST BE postmarked within two weeks from date of selection or the student will not be eligible. All final applications need to be postmarked by Jan. 20, 2011.

- ✓ The application may be reproduced.
- ✓ Applications must be submitted via U.S. mail. Pictures maybe emailed to [sprokop@nyfb.org](mailto:sprokop@nyfb.org).

### **Essay topic**

"If you had the power to change something in your community or on your farm, what would you change and why?" The essay should not exceed two pages, one side double-spaced, using a minimum of a 10 font size. At the District level, oral presentation of the essay; may be part of the selection process. There is a limit of 5 minutes for the presentation.

### **Additional requirements (as noted on the application)**

A 300dpi (minimum) photo, (wallet size head and shoulders shot) is required and will become the property of NYFB. Applicant's signature will authorize consent to use this photo for news releases and exhibit purposes. Sorry no school photo's due to copyright laws.

### **District Winners Receive**

1. A \$100 check from the Promotion & Education Committee.
2. A certificate and a gift.
3. The opportunity to compete for one of three statewide scholarships.

**The three NYFB scholarship winners will be invited to attend a NYFB function as a guest of the NYFB Promotion & Education Committee, the first place winner will be asked to present their essay at that time.**

***Please Note: Application deadline is November 19, 2010 postmark. District Judging Results @ NYFB by January 20, 2011. Notification to Scholarship Recipients on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>.***

**All applications should be sent to:**

**New York Farm Bureau  
Att. Scholarship  
P.O. Box 5330  
Albany, NY 12205-0330**

**Questions call:**

**1-800-342-4143 EXT: 5633**