

RALPH & KATHERINE NORRIS SCHOLARSHIP

The Ralph and Katherine Norris Scholarship Fund has been established to provide financial assistance to Jo Daviess County residents studying agriculture or agricultural related fields. The Jo Daviess County Extension & 4-H Foundation is responsible for the selection of the scholarship recipients.

Scholarships will be awarded as funds permit

Eligibility:

- Jo Daviess County, Illinois resident
- Must be enrolled in agriculture or agricultural related studies
- Must be enrolled in a two or four year program
- Must be accepted at chosen school, college or university
- Must be full time student, 12 hours minimum per semester; auditing of classes cannot be included in the minimum
- Must have a GPA of "C" average or above (**please include grade transcripts**)
- Please DO NOT include Letters of Recommendation

The Jo Daviess County Extension & 4-H Foundation will make selection based on the materials that the applicant provides. The application must be typewritten or computer generated.

The Jo Daviess County Extension & 4-H Foundation reserves the right to make judgment on cases not covered by the above guidelines.

A new application must be submitted each year. Each year a current transcript including GPA must be submitted with the application. The GPA must be a "C" average or above. Scholarship recipients cannot receive the scholarship for more than 4 years. Clear and concise applications are greatly appreciated.

This scholarship will be paid directly to the winners in two installments: one at the beginning of the first semester or quarter upon proof of enrollment and class schedule, the second upon the start of the second semester. A written verification letter of enrollment from the school and a final 1st semester grade report of "C" or above is required in order for the recipient to obtain the second installment. This information must be sent to the **Extension Office by January 15 of each year.** If not, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate. If applicant is chosen for a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year scholarship, a final second semester or summer grade report of "C" or above must be sent to the **Extension Office by September 1.** This is needed to show proof that applicant was enrolled and completed the previous semester. If not, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate.

If for some reason the recipient is unable to enroll or withdraws from school, the awarded scholarship will be returned in full, for that semester, to the Norris Scholarship Fund.

A first and second alternate may be selected.

A letter indicating whether or not they are the recipients of a scholarship will be sent to each applicant.

Applicants must return the completed application to:

Ralph & Katherine Norris Scholarship
University of Illinois Extension – Jo Daviess County
204 Vine Street PO Box 600
Elizabeth IL 61028

Application deadline is March 31, 2021.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION
(must be typewritten or done on computer)

Applicant's name _____

(last)

(first)

(initial)

Present address _____

Email Address _____ Telephone No. _____

School Status in Fall of 2021 _____

Name of school to which scholarship would be applied: _____

Have you been accepted? ____ Yes ____ No

What field or area do you plan to study? _____

Date you expect to graduate? _____

Have you included your most recent transcripts? ____ Yes ____ No

References:

1. Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

2. Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Please answer the following questions. These questions will be the basis for selection of the scholarship recipients. You may attach a second sheet if necessary. Do NOT type your name on this page. Answers must be typewritten or done on a computer.

1. Write a statement describing your future goals. Include reasons for choosing this career or furthering your education. What circumstances, if any, influenced your decision?

2. How have your school courses and/or previous work experiences prepared you for your chosen field of study?

3. Write a brief summary of your activities (both school and non-school).
