Scholarship Application

Guidelines and Application

Graduating high school seniors attending any two - or four-year college are encouraged to apply for one of five $1,000 Ag Youth Scholarships.

Student Eligibility

- High school senior, graduating in the spring
- Legal U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Majoring in or planning to major in an agriculture related field
- The student, parent or grandparent of the student must be a patron member of Nexus Cooperative

Application Checklist

- ☐ Complete application
- ☐ Official school transcripts
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation
- ☐ Acceptance letter from selected two- or four-year college (if applicable)
- ☐ Complete responses to all questions and essays
- ☐ Academic verification complete with signature by a school administrator/guidance counselor
- ☐ Applicant and parent/guardian signature, if applicant is under 18 years

Selection Process

Nexus Ag Youth Scholarship recipients shall be determined by an internal committee. Selection will be made on the basis of scholarship ability and citizenship qualities.

Important Deadlines

All materials (see checklist) must be postmarked by March 15. All applicants will receive formal notification at their Senior Awards event and/or by mail shortly after.

Mailing Instructions (Note: USPS registered mail certifies safe delivery)

Nexus Cooperative
Ag Youth Scholarship Program
1001 Blunt Pkwy
Charles City, Iowa 50616

All questions should be directed to Chris Menke at (641) 715-1203 or cmenke@nexus.coop. Failure to meet the application requirements warrants exclusion.

Specific Instructions

Failure to enclose all of the required information, sign the application or meet the deadline date will result in disqualification.

About Nexus

Nexus is a farmer-owned supply and grain cooperative formed in February 2024. As a leader in agriculture we provide unparalleled customer service and innovative products to meet our customers' Agronomy, Energy, Feed, Grain and Lumber needs. Nexus' convenient locations serve customers throughout northern Iowa and southern Minnesota.

Applicant Information

Name - Last, First, Middle		Date of Birth	Email Address
Address	City	State	Zip
Area code - Home phone number		Area code - Cell phone number	
Name of mother / guardian		Name of father / guardian	
High school name		Guidance counselor name	
High school address	City	State	Zip
University / college		Expected major	
University / college address	City	State	Zip
Complete name registered under Nexus Cooperative Membership (personal or business)			

How did you hear about the Nexus Ag Youth Scholarship? *Please select all that apply*

- ☐ High school guidance counselor
- ☐ Nexus location, please list location_____
- ☐ College or university, please specify _____
- ☐ Internet website, please specify_____
- ☐ Other, please specify _____

Academic Verification *Must be completed and signed by a school administrator or guidance counselor*

This is to certify that _____ (student name) is a senior at _____ (high school name) and will graduate _____ (month/date/year). He/she has a GPA of _____ out of _____.

_____ _____ _____

Administrator/Guidance Counselor Signature Title Date

_____ _____

Email Phone

Personal Aspirations *Please complete and attach responses to your scholarship application*

1. Describe why you selected the university/college indicated and the intended major.
2. Briefly explain your career goals and how you came to this conclusion.

Leadership and Personal Achievements *Please complete and attach responses to your scholarship application*

1. Identify leadership activities you have been involved with in high school and/or your community.
2. List any awards, honors or other achievements earned while in high school.

Essays *Please complete and attach both essays to your scholarship application, limiting each to 500 words*

1. Explain the role of the U.S. agricultural industry in a global economy. Describe how future leaders, like you, will impact this global industry, whether you live and work in a rural community, urban center or abroad.

2. Describe a leader that you admire. Explain the leadership qualities that he or she exhibits and why you look up to him or her. This individual does not need to be well known.

Applicant Agreement *Please read carefully*

By signing this agreement, it is agreed that I have read the Nexus Ag Youth Scholarship guidelines and fully understand the terms and conditions.

Furthermore, it is agreed that this scholarship application is valid and includes my own words and thoughts. If awarded a Nexus Ag Youth Scholarship, Nexus Cooperative is given permission to disclose my name in any scholarship publicity.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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