**Washington County Dairy Promotion Committee**

**2024 Scholarship Application**

 **Qualifications**

 A. Applicant must reside or attend school or be employed in Washington County WI.

 B. Applicant must have or be nearing successful completion of a high school diploma or GED.

 C. Applicant must be a new or continuing student at any at any accredited

 technical school, trade school, college, or university with an emphasis in agriculture or a somewhat related field.

**Award**

 A. Up to three $1250 scholarships will be awarded (If no eligible candidates are found, the scholarship

 committee has the right to withhold presentation of the awards).

 B. Scholarships will be presented to the recipients at the annual Washington County Breakfast on the

 Farm on 6/8/24.

**How to apply**

 A. Complete and provide:

 1. Application form

 2. At least two letters of recommendation (guidance counselor, teacher, employer, mentor, etc.)

 3. Transcripts of High School or post-secondary grades from previous semester with a

 4. Include a one-page essay (not to exceed 400 words) explaining: a. Why have you selected an education in agriculture or related field?

 b. What are your future career goals?

 c. What makes you a unique candidate for this scholarship?

 B. Forms can be obtained by e-mailing (**evschaefer64@gmail.com**) or visiting [**www.washingtoncountydairy.com/scholarships**](http://www.washingtoncountydairy.com/scholarships). Applications must be submitted by **mail** postmarked no later than **April 15, 2024,** to the person and address listed below. Applications received with postage due will not be considered.

**Selection process**

 A. Selection to be made on the recommendation of the scholarship committee based upon:

 1. An essay by the applicant limited to one page explaining their goals, objectives and need.

 2. **Two** letters of recommendation (from a teacher, employer, counselor, mentor, etc. - parents or

 guardian excluded) to be submitted with application.

 3. Transcript of high school grades.

 4. Neatness and attention to detail will be part of the selection process. Essay letter must be

 signed by applicant.

**Payment of scholarship funds**

 A. Proof of completion of the first semester’s course of study via transcript of grades is required

 by February 1, 2025. A 2.5 C+ grade point average or better and enrollment in the second

 semester studies are also required. Payment to be made by February 14, 2025.

**Submit application by April 15, 2024, to:**

**Ellen Schaefer**

**6627 County Rd. M**

**West Bend, WI 53090**