

**Application for the Mario DeLuca Agriculture Scholarship  
Sponsored by the  
McDowell County Cattlemen's Association**

This scholarship was established by the McDowell County Cattlemen's Association (MCCA) in 2015. Initial funding was provided by the members of MCCA through donations and various fundraising projects. At the present time scholarships are awarded in \$500 increments, depending upon number of applicants and availability of funds.

**Eligibility**

- Applicants must be McDowell County residents or a participant in a McDowell County Extension Service agriculture program.
- Graduating high school senior pursuing a B.S. or associate degree in the field of agriculture.
- Current undergraduate college students pursuing a B.S. or associate degree in the field of agriculture.
- Priority will be given to applicants who are members of MCCA or whose parents or grandparents are active MCCA members.
- Priority will be given to applicants who are pursuing a degree in animal science with an emphasis on beef production.
- Previous winners may reapply and will be considered based on academic merit and career goals.

**Selection Criteria**

- Leadership and extracurricular activities
- Personal motivation and initiative
- Demonstrated interest in agriculture
- Career goals
- Academic standing

**Administration**

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The scholarship will be administered by a Scholarship Committee composed of the County Extension Agriculture Agent and four MCCA members.

**Personal Information**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information**

GPA/Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Class, Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for admission to a college or University? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, have you been accepted? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, then for which school and curriculum of study?

What scholarships have you applied for?

What scholarships have you received?

### **Instructions for Completing an Application:**

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1. This application provides information that will be used by the MCCA Scholarship Committee in selecting recipients. To ensure that your application will be considered for this scholarship, please complete (type) this form and submit to:

McDowell County Extension  
Attn: County Extension Agriculture Agent  
MCCA Scholarship Committee  
60 East Court Street  
Marion NC 28752

For timely consideration, applications and all supporting documentation **must be received by May 15th, 2024**

Attach the following to the application:

- A 1-2 page essay that describes why agriculture is important to you. This essay should also describe your college goals and future career plans. ●
- First-time applicants should include an official high school transcript with standardized test scores included
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers, civic and/or faith community leaders, and/or employers.
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Awards & Honors:

### **Community and Civic Affairs Information**

Civic Activities:

## **Work Experience**

Employment (It is important that you list all work activities as this may be given consideration in evaluating your participation in extra-curricular and other activities):

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If you or your family has farming experience, please describe below:

Nature of the farming activity (crops and/or animals produced):

The nature and degree of your involvement in this farming operation:

Please list beef-related projects or activities:

Are you, or any family member, members of the MCCA? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

## **Affirmation Statement**

All information contained in this application is accurate and truthful. It is my understanding that in order to receive scholarships; I must be in good standing with my school. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I authorize the MCCA Scholarship Committee to access my academic and disciplinary records for use in the scholarship selection process.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Check List:**

- Essay attached: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- References attached: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Signed and dated the affirmation sheet : Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_