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IOWA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Staats Custom Awards and the Association of Iowa Fairs are offering two \$1000 scholarships, one to a qualifying FFA member and one to a qualifying 4-H member, who are graduating high school seniors and are planning post-high school education. Applicants are to meet the criteria as outlined below.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT CRITERIA

- 1. At least one of the applicant's immediate family members (parents, legal guardians, grandparents) must be a member of their local county fair board, and the fair must be a member in good standing with the Association of Iowa Fairs.
- 2. Applicant must be a member in good standing of a 4-H club or FFA chapter within their community.
- 3. Applicant must have exhibited projects in their county fair, and/or the Iowa State Fair within the last 4 years of the year applying for the scholarship.
- 4. Applicant must have graduated from high school in the same year as applying for the scholarship.
- 5. Applicant must hold a minimum 2.5 grade point average (based on 4.0 system) in high school. Scholarship awardee must also maintain a 2.5 grade point average for the first semester in college and carry at least 12 credit hours.
- 6. The applicant's field of higher education must be tied to agriculture. Some examples include agbusiness, veterinary medicine, livestock production and agronomy.
- 7. Applicant must agree to apply the scholarship funds for tuition or fees at a two or four year college, or its equivalent, with preference given to lowa schools.
- 8. Applicant must have demonstrated support for his/her school, 4-H or FFA organization, and community.
- 9. Applicant must exhibit during the application process a desire to achieve the goals of which the applicant is capable.
- 10. Financial need is not a primary consideration in the selection process.

Interested youth are to send a letter of interest requesting an application to:

Association of Iowa Fairs, 242 8th Avenue West, Cresco, IA 52136

An e-mail message is also acceptable. Send to tsb@iowafairs.com.

Please include a current mailing address in the request. A scholarship application will be sent to those requesting an application. Completed application is due to the AIF office by August 1 each year.