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Scholarship Guidelines

The Ashe County Christmas Tree Association established this scholarship in an effort to promote higher education in the field of agriculture. It is important to the association that our agricultural community flourishes by educating young minds on the importance of agriculture in our area. We welcome all Ashe County High School Seniors to apply, although special consideration will be given to students pursuing agriculture or agriculturally -related fields.

Eligibility:

The \$1,500.00 scholarship is awarded in May and will be presented at the beginning of the students Freshman year to the financial aid office of the students choosing. The Ashe County Christmas Tree Association Board of Directors will determine the recipient based on the following requirements:

- 1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior for the current school year
- 2. Applicant must be a resident of Ashe County
- 3. Applicant must have maintained an unweighted 2.5 GPA
- 4. Financial need taken into consideration
- 5. Work history
- 6. Involvement in extracurricular/community activities
- 7. The intent to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculturally-related field
- 8. Character and leadership potential

Directions for Scholarship Applicant:

Complete and turn in the following:

- ACCTA Scholarship Application Form
- Something from school showing unweighted GPA (official transcript or report card)
- Two letters of reference, one from a faculty member and one from and individual who knows you well. (No relatives please)
- Student Essay
 - <u>Please return completed application and all documentation to Ashe County</u>
 <u>Christmas Tree Association (office@ashecountychristmastrees.com) or</u>
 - Kelly Fletcher ACHS counselor by May 15,2024

Ashe County Christmas Tree Association SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State	Zip:	
Date of Birth:	Male Female	Telephone:	
Email:		Are you employed? Yes No	
Employer's Name:		Employer's Number:	
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College You Plan to Attend:		Course of Study:	
College Mailing Address: ((if known)		
City:	State:	Zip:	
Name Father/Guardian:		Occupation:	
Employer:			
Name Mother/Guardian:		Occupation:	
Employer:		-	
Check if Applicable: Fathe	r Deceased 🔲 Mothe	er Deceased Parents Divorced	
Siblings Names:	Their Ages:	School/College They Attend:	

Organizations:	
Athletics:	
Class Officer:	National Honor Society:
Agricultural Memberships:	I
Community Service: (Church, clubs, outside activities	5)
Work History:	
Other:	
Briefly explain any special situations that should be o	considered:
Are you the first one in your family to attend college	: Yes No
Applicant Signature:	Date:

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Student Essay: (May be typed or handwritten, no more than 1 page.)

Please begin your essay with a personal statement describing your short and long term goals. The essay should pertain to how a solid education will help you attain these goals. For agricultural related students, please elaborate on how your goals and education will help better serve the agricultural community and what you hope to achieve.