

Lincoln County Corn and Soybean Growers Association's Scholarship Overview

THE PROGRAM

The Lincoln County Corn and Soybean Growers Associations have a scholarship program to assist graduating high school seniors who plan to continue education in post-secondary education programs. This scholarship program is administered by a Scholarship Selection Committee made up of directors from the Lincoln County Corn and Soybean Growers Associations. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, disability, or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must...

1. Be a Senior in High School of Lincoln County, MN, and/or a resident of Lincoln County, MN and/or a student whose parent(s) operate farmland in Lincoln County, MN.
 - a. A student may also qualify if their primary employment is an agricultural related position within Lincoln County, MN. Must provide information of employment.
2. Be a graduating student from High School in the Spring of 2023
3. Be experienced in agriculture and be active in the community.
4. Plan to enroll in a 2+ year accredited college/university or a technical college.

These eligibility requirements must be indicated within the essay of the application. Please indicate how this will relate back to the corn and soybean industries.

Scholarship preference will be given to students pursuing an education in an agriculture, agribusiness or food science related program.

AWARDS

Awards are not renewable. Awards are for undergraduate study only.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application online along with a current, complete official transcript of grades, a letter of recommendation from a community member (non-relative) and a written essay (minimum of 2 paragraphs, preferably typed) including the eligibility requirements listed above, applicant's activities, achievements, honors, and aspirations.

Please list any Advanced Placement or Post-Secondary Enrollment classes you have taken or are currently enrolled in.

If the applicant has worked for an employer, or worked for the family operation (ag-related or other), please summarize the type of work, the number of hours worked (approx.).

Please include a letter of recommendation from the employer (or parent if the majority of those hours were spent working for applicant's family operation).

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, goals and aspirations stated in the application, and an outside appraisal.

Selection of recipients is made by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

All applicants agree to accept the decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee as final. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

Lincoln County Corn and Soybean Growers Associations will award the scholarship payment jointly, to both the recipients and the school they are attending, upon achieving a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or greater after a full semester. The recipient will be allowed up to two semesters within the following year to attain the minimum GPA of 2.0 for the semester. It is the recipient's responsibility to submit those transcripts to Lincoln County Corn and Soybean Growers Associations once grades are posted and before the Lincoln County Corn and Soybean Growers Association's Annual Meeting in February.

Upon receiving those records, the full scholarship amount will be granted when the recipient and at least one parent/guardian attends Lincoln County Corn and Soybean Growers Association annual meeting in February.

More information will be provided with the scholarship award certificate and follow-up emails to the recipients.