## Agri Aid Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Criteria for Application

Scholarship awards will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per year.

Our selection criteria are designed to identify individuals who not only demonstrate academic excellence and financial need but also show a strong commitment to serving in large animal veterinary medicine, particularly within our targeted geographic areas. The following are the key criteria we use and consider in selecting scholarship recipients:

Academic Merit: Applicants must prove their acceptance/attendance to an accredited school of veterinary medicine with large animal emphasis and meet and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants must submit copies of their official academic transcripts for prior two years.

Career Goals: We look for a clear and compelling explanation of the applicant's aspirations in large animal veterinary medicine and how they plan to contribute to this field.

Geographic Commitment: Candidates must pledge to work in one of the following counties in Pennsylvania for a period of five (5) years post-graduation: Jefferson, Clarion, Clearfield or Elk.

Financial Need: We assess the financial needs of each applicant based on the information provided. This includes considering any other scholarships or financial aid they currently receive.

Experience and Involvement: We value any relevant experience, internships or volunteer work specifically in veterinary fields, focusing on large animals.

Extracurricular Activities: Involvement in clubs or organizations related to veterinary medicine is considered, demonstrating a commitment to the field beyond academic requirements.

Essay Responses: Applicants are required to submit essays discussing their career goals, contribution to the field, and financial need. These essays provide insight into the applicant's passion, motivation, and vision for their future in large animal veterinary medicine.

References: We require two references who can attest to the applicant's character, work ethic, and dedication to large animal veterinary medicine. Strong endorsements from academic or professional contacts who can speak to the applicant's suitability for the scholarship are important.