

## **GERALD “JERRY” RYAN MEMORIAL AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Gerald “Jerry” Ryan Agriculture Scholarship is offered by the Jerry Ryan family in his memory. Jerry was a DeWitt County farmer for many years. This agriculture scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Clinton Community High School who has been accepted or is currently enrolled full-time in an undergraduate agriculture related program at an accredited junior college, college or university. The amount of the scholarship will be \$500, one or two scholarships may be awarded.

The scholarship recipient will be the person who is deemed most qualified by the scholarship committee. Selection will be based on information provided on the application forms, an official transcript, an essay, and recommendations. Applicants (including past recipients) may reapply for the scholarship for subsequent years.

Each applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in an agriculture related program during the 2019-2020 school year
2. have achieved and must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.00 based on a 4.00 scale
3. submit all portions of the attached application, including a 500-word essay
4. request and submit an official college transcript (or high school transcript, if the applicant is just completing high school)
5. request and submit two letters of recommendation, one of which must be provided by a current or recent teacher. The recommendation may not come from a relative or Foundation board member.

**Submit the completed application packet to the Clinton Community Educational Foundation, care of the Clinton High School Guidance Department, or mail directly to the CCEF, P.O. Box 395, Clinton, IL 61727 by March 1, 2019.**

It is the responsibility of the recipient to verify enrollment in a college/university by submitting a class schedule or other documentation to the scholarship committee by July 1 of the year the scholarship is awarded. Scholarship payments will be made directly to the college/university at the beginning of the school year. The recipient must provide a proper address and account information to facilitate these payments.

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APPLICATION FORM**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently enrolled in your last academic year at Clinton High School? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

High school(s) attended \_\_\_\_\_

Year of high school graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted by or are you currently enrolled at a college or university? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

College or university \_\_\_\_\_

Location of college or university \_\_\_\_\_

Intended or current major \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of graduation from college or university \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that I plan to continue my studies and that all information I have provided a part of this application is accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **GERALD "JERRY" RYAN MEMORIAL AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

Please summarize your participation in extracurricular activities, including any offices held, during the last three years.

Summarize your participation in non-school activities, including offices held during the last three years.

List any academic, agricultural, athletic, etc. awards or honors received during the last three years.

Describe any work experience you have had during the last three years.

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## APPLICANT ESSAY

In an essay of approximately 500 words, describe the life experiences and/or people that have most influenced your decision to pursue a career in agriculture. How do you envision those influences impacting your future?

Please double space and use a legible font 12 pt. or larger. Sign and date below and attach the essay to the back of this form.

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

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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

In your attached letter of recommendation, please include mention of how long and under what circumstances you have known the applicant. Please comment on the applicant's potential for the chosen career.

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_