

# Hilldale Farm Foundation SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Hilldale Farm Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) foundation formed to provide scholarships for Rensselaer County, NY graduates who wish to study agriculture. We seek applicants who share our values of hard work, discipline, education, and commitment to family and community. Upon receipt, this award will be distributed directly to the recipient.

To be considered, you must have resided in Rensselaer County for at least two years prior to applying; earned a GPA of 3.0 or better in the previous two years of your education; and plan to major in coursework or pursue a trade related to Agriculture (examples include, but not limited to, skilled trades such as horticulture, pre-veterinary studies, food science, welding, diesel mechanic, etc.) Applicants must be accepted at a college, university, vocational or trade school located in New York State.

Applicants must either type or print all answers neatly in ink. **Scholarship application, transcripts and letters of recommendation** may be sent via email to [hilldalefarmny@gmail.com](mailto:hilldalefarmny@gmail.com) or mailed to: Hilldale Farm Foundation, Inc., c/o Linda King, 2826 NY2, Cropseyville, NY 12052.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

2. What year did/will you receive a high school diploma or GED? \_\_\_\_\_

High School or GED \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Name or GED County \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_

3. High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_

4. College or Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name

\_\_\_\_\_ City

Major, Field of Study, or Degree Program \_\_\_\_\_

- Please provide a resume including your current and past experience, such as paid work, volunteer service, extra-curricular activities (Scouts, 4-H, FFA, etc.), and any other community involvement.
- Please provide 2 Letters of Recommendation: one from a school official or teacher / instructor, and one from an employer, volunteer supervisor, community leader, etc.
- Please provide an academic transcript.

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CERTIFICATION. ALL APPLICANTS: I certify that all information I have provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information on this application if requested. I give permission to the selection committee to review information on this form, my transcripts, and any additional supporting documentation submitted as part of this application and to contact high school and/or college officials for additional academic information. **If chosen for a scholarship award, I agree to provide proof of GPA to the committee at each semester/quarter break in order for the committee to determine future eligibility.** I further agree, if chosen, to submit a written paragraph to the Foundation each year on the value of the scholarship award in my academic pursuits.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(if under 18 years of age)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY/VIDEO QUESTION

Choose one of the essay questions below. Respond either in an essay of 300 words or less, OR via a video or 3 minutes or less:

1. Please describe in 300 words or less your work ethic and connection to your family and community. Include examples of your activities to support your statements.
2. Please describe in 300 words or less what has drawn you to your intended major, field of study, or certification program. What contributions to your community do you plan to invest in upon graduation?