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CHS Foundation High School Scholarship Program: Frequently Asked Questions

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Q. When will scholarship winners be selected?

A. All applicants will be notified by May 1. This allows time for the applications to be processed, then evaluated by the external, independent selection committee.

Q. Are scholarships awarded to students only attending a four-year university or college?

A. Scholarships will be awarded to the best candidates that plan to attend a four-year university or a two-year college and meet the other scholarship requirements.

Q. Can students studying majors outside of agriculture still apply for the scholarships?

A. No, the scholarships will be awarded to students planning to study an agricultural-related major. This program reflects the overall giving strategy for the CHS Foundation, which focuses on investing in the future of rural America, agriculture and cooperative business through education and leadership development. Students may study majors that are related to agriculture, such as agribusiness and economics, agronomy, land use planning, agricultural communications, animal science, biotechnology, international agriculture, environmental science, agricultural engineering, etc.

Q. Do I need to complete all essay questions?

A. Yes, all essay questions are required in order for the application to be considered. If you are submitting a paper application, please type, print and attach your essays to the application.

Q. My reference letters and transcripts are in a sealed envelope. How should I include these in my application?

A. Often times reference letters and transcripts are given to students in a sealed envelope. The CHS Foundation will accept these attachments. To ease the application process, it's requested that these attachments be mailed together with the rest of the application.

Q. I'm already attending college. Do I qualify for this scholarship?

A. No, this scholarship program is only for students graduating high school. However, the CHS Foundation does offer scholarships for students at universities and two-year colleges. To learn more, visit the scholarship section of www.chsfoundation.org.

Q. If I submit my application in a folder or binder will this help increase the chances of receiving a scholarship?

A. Scholarship applications should be neat and presentable. However, the CHS Foundation discourages applicants from submitting applications in folders, binders and other covers. It is very cumbersome for the administrative process. If applications are submitted in this manner the scholarship application material will still be evaluated, but the folder/binder will be discarded when received.

Q. How are scholarship applications evaluated?

A. All applicants will be evaluated by an external, independent committee managed by the CHS Foundation. It's also important to note that all incomplete applications will not be considered.

Q. When will next year's scholarship applications be available?

A. Annually, scholarship applications will be available in January at www.chsfoundation.org.

Q. Do the applicants or the applicants' families need to do business with CHS?

A. No, it is not necessary that the scholarship applicants do business with CHS.

Q. Can sons or daughters of CHS employees, directors or member co-op employees or directors apply for scholarships?

A. Yes, these students can apply as long as they meet the other scholarship requirements. This is possible since the winners are selected by an external, independent selection committee.

Q. Can students that have had summer jobs with CHS locations or member cooperatives apply for the scholarships?

A. As long as the student meets all other requirements, then he or she is eligible to apply. All applications will be evaluated by an external, independent committee.