Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society Scholarship

Purpose
Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society (hereafter referred to as NPSAS) has established a scholarship fund to support the training of the next generation of sustainable/organic farmers and ranchers.

Value and Duration
At least one award of $1,000 will be distributed annually. This is a one-time award per applicant.

Eligibility Requirements:
1. The parents/guardians and/or applicant must be current members of NPSAS.
2. Applicant must be at least a first-year student at a college or technical school with proof of acceptance to an accredited post secondary educational program. The award is open to students pursuing any level of degree or certificate from Associates to PhD.
3. The Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to review and select other candidate(s) who may not meet all of the aforementioned guidelines but who would fulfill other needs in a sustainable society.

How to Apply
A complete application submission includes the following:
1. Completed application form.
2. A recommendation letter from the applicant’s college advisor and/or supervising faculty indicating their acceptance into a sustainable agriculture related program.
3. Two additional letters of recommendation (at least one must be from an individual familiar with the applicant’s sustainable agriculture work/goals).

Applications are to be made directly to the Scholarship Selection Committee at the following address:

NPSAS
SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE
PO BOX 194, LaMOURE ND 58458

Deadline
Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on November 15.
No submissions or support documents will be accepted after the due date.

Selection
At a minimum, applicants must communicate a desire to pursue one or more of the following careers:
- Sustainable production agriculture
- Sustainable agricultural business(es)
- Activities which support agricultural communities in a meaningful way

Applications will be reviewed by a multi-person Scholarship Selection Committee and selection(s) will be based upon the application materials and the goals/needs of NPSAS. Selection is not based upon need.

Payment of Award
Successful applicants will be notified by mail on or before January 15 of the year following application. The award will be formally announced at the NPSAS Winter Conference. The scholarship check will be mailed directly to the awardee after they submit proof of completion (for example, final grades) for the current term.

Obligations of Winner
The recipient will furnish their brief biography and a photo, and will also consent to have both appear in NPSAS promotional materials such as; The Germinator and e-Sprout. Updates on your career would also be welcomed by the membership who have worked hard to make this opportunity possible.

Questions?
Please e-mail info@npsas.org or call the NPSAS office at 701-883-4304, the hours are 8:30-4:30 M – F.

Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society Scholarship Application Form

Personal Information
Full Name_____________________________ Date/Year of Birth______________
Address______________________________ Home Phone ________________
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s)__________________________________________________

Educational Institution
Name______________________________ Location______________________________
Degree/Certificate sought________________________________________________________

Career Goals
Career(s) you plan to pursue________________________________________________________
Connection to Agriculture________________________________________________________

List the primary extra-curricular activities (and years involved in each) that have had the greatest impact on your choice of a future career.

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In just a few sentences describe how these activities will benefit you in your future pursuits.

Describe how this scholarship would be considered an investment in the future of agriculture. (Example: We are looking for your passion and capacity for farming and ability/willingness to give back to sustainable agriculture.)
Statement by applicant:
I have personally prepared this application and verify the accuracy of its content.

Signature_____________________________ Date____________________

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