
BLACK DIRT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2012 Scholarship Application

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Description

The *Black Dirt Scholarship Fund* awards two scholarships each year of \$1,000 each to students who have chosen to pursue careers associated with agricultural study or the culinary arts/hospitality industry. The scholarships are sponsored by the Pine Island Chamber of Commerce and are funded with a portion of the proceeds from the *Annual Black Dirt Feast*.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a resident of the Town of Warwick, New York, and must be a graduating senior, in good academic standing, who will graduate in June, 2012. Students must have achieved a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 (or equivalent). Students must also demonstrate a commitment to and involvement in community volunteer service or community work experience. Finally, they must be pursuing a career in agricultural study or the culinary arts/hospitality industry at a post-secondary educational facility.

Amount of Scholarships

Two scholarships of \$1,000 each. One for Agricultural Study, the second for the Culinary Arts/Hospitality Industry.

Procedure

Submit an essay, of not more than 1,000 words, that answers the following request: "In looking toward the future, describe how you would define a successful individual." Provide a personal résumé of community volunteer service, club memberships with positions held, employment history, extracurricular activities, sports, scholastic activities, and awards/honors received. Submit three letters of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or other person of significance not related to you. Include a verification letter of your GPA from the Guidance Department. All materials requested, including the essay, must be handed in to the school guidance department. Residents attending schools outside Warwick must mail application materials directly to the following address: **Pine Island Chamber of Commerce, Black Dirt Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 354, Pine Island, NY 10969.**

Application Deadline

All materials must be submitted to the guidance department, or postmarked (if mailed to the above address) no later than **Monday, April 16, 2012.**

Requirements

Winning applicants must agree to attend the Annual Black Dirt Feast on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 as a guest of the Pine Island Chamber, and speak about their career plans. In addition they must agree to attend and speak at a Pine Island Chamber of Commerce meeting or event after completing their first semester at the post-secondary educational facility of their choice to discuss their progress.

The mission of the **Pine Island Chamber of Commerce**, which was founded in 1961, is to promote prosperity in the business community, support and enhance the uniqueness of the region, and to enrich the lives of all our residents through community spirit and cooperation.



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Student's Full Name: _____

Student's Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

e-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

Post secondary education school you expect to attend _____

Course of study you plan to pursue _____

Name and address of high school _____

Telephone no. of high school: _____ High school award ceremony date: _____

Date of graduation: _____

Please provide the name of student's parent/guardian:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

Relationship to student: Mother Father Step Mother Step Father Grandparent Other _____

Application must be accompanied by the following materials:

- 1. Verification letter from Guidance Department of student Grade Point Average (GPA)
- 2. Personal résumé
- 3. Three letters of recommendation
- 4. Essay

Applicant Certification

I certify that I am a resident of the Town of Warwick and that I have fulfilled the scholastic requirements in order to graduate high school in the spring of 2012. I agree that, if I am selected as a **Black Dirt Scholarship** recipient, I will attend and speak at a Pine Island Chamber of Commerce meeting or event after completing my first semester at the post-secondary educational facility of my choice, and that I am pursuing a career in agriculture study or culinary arts/hospitality. I also agree to attend the Annual Black Dirt Feast on August 7, 2012 and speak about my career plans.

Student Signature



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Potential Fields of Study

AGRICULTURAL STUDY

Animal & Marine Sciences

Canine, Feline and Veterinary Science
Dairy, Livestock and Equine Science
Small Animal and Marine Science
Herpetology and Avian Science

Farm and Livestock Management

Marine Science
Research Animal Technology
Veterinary Science
Anatomy and Physiology
Animal Nutrition and Genetics
Agricultural Business Management

Natural Resources and the Environment

Horticulture
Landscape Operations
Urban Forestry
Turf Management
Natural Resources
Landscape Management
Floriculture/Ornamental Horticulture
Botany and Soils
Plant Health Care
Plant Materials

Machinery & Equipment Management

Welding Fabrication
Construction Systems
Diesel Engines & Hydraulics
Facilities Repair & Construction
Equipment Components
Practical Electronics
Four-Cycle Engine Certification

Alternative Energy Systems

Biotechnology
Biomass Energy Development
Hydroponic Systems
Green Energy Systems (*solar, wind, tidal, geothermal, etc.*)

CULINARY ARTS

Intercultural Communication
Public Speaking
Culinary Math
Basic Food Skills
Sanitation and Safety
Breakfast Cookery
Lunch Cookery
Nutrition in the Culinary Arts
Storeroom and Purchasing
Operations
Dining Room
Baking Skills
Dining Room
Patisserie
Garde Manger/Charcuterie
Meat and Seafood
American Regional Cuisine
Classical Cuisine
Advanced Dining Room
Beer, Wines & Spirits
International Cuisine

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality Training
Hotel/Restaurant Management
Food Service Management
Food Technology & Dining Services
Private Club Management