

OFA Bursary Program

Terms and Conditions of Bursary Program

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is offering three bursaries in the amount of \$2,000 per recipient. The bursaries are available for students of OFA families who are entering or currently pursuing a post-secondary education with a goal to pursuing a career in an agriculture-related field.

Bursary recipients will be selected from applicants who are OFA members, a child of, or employee of an OFA member and are residents of Ontario. Applicants should be able to demonstrate volunteer and industry related accomplishments, an interest in agriculture and rural issues, community involvement and satisfactory academic performance.

The selected recipients will be announced at OFA's 2020 Annual General Meeting.

The deadline to submit an application is August 31, 2020.

1. Bursary Funds:

- The bursary funds are sourced from the Silent Auction at OFA's 2019 Annual General Meeting. The amount of the bursary is \$2,000 per student. The bursaries will be awarded regionally, including one recipient from each of three regions across Ontario (Southwest, Central and North-East).

2. Eligibility:

- Ontario residents, between the ages of 17-30 who are entering or currently pursuing post-secondary education. Preference will be given to students pursuing agricultural-focused studies (degree or diploma).

3. Selection Criteria:

- student from Ontario
- member or a child or employee of a current Ontario Federation of Agriculture member family
- demonstrated interest in agriculture, and/or rural issues;
- demonstrated leadership and community involvement;
- satisfactory academic achievement

4. Method of Application:

- Apply no later than August 31, 2020 by submitting a completed application form with all supporting documentation. Application forms are available on OFA's website. All documentation must be submitted electronically. OFA will not be responsible for lost or incomplete applications.

5. Notification of Winners:

- A member OFA's Bursary Committee will notify each of winners by email on or before November 1, 2020.

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- Winners will have their names and photos published in OFA print materials.

6. Documentation required for electronic submission

- a) **Application form with OFA membership number** and relationship to membership holder
- b) One-page **cover letter**, addressed to The Selection Committee & written by the student, explaining education goals and their plan for their future in the agricultural industry.
- c) **Resume** including a list of community and agricultural involvement and accomplishments.
- d) **Proof of enrollment** (letter of acceptance if entering post-secondary or timetable for upcoming semester if currently attending post-secondary).
- e) **Letter of recommendation** (from a mentor, employer, volunteer organization community leader, etc.)