Application for Scholarship

Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association (VCTGA) is an association of professional Christmas tree growers interested in the expansion of the farming industry by growing and marketing quality trees. Through our support of research and education, we strive to improve the numbers, quality and types of trees available to the fresh tree market.

Two $1,500 educational scholarships will be awarded annually to students who are furthering their educations through attendance at accredited colleges or universities. The scholarships are available to rising juniors, seniors or graduate students majoring in forestry or horticulture.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

School Address: _____

School Telephone: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____

County/city of Residence: _____ (Must be a Virginia resident)

Date of Birth: _____

Educational Information

High School Attended: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

College/University Currently Attending: _____

Date you plan to graduate: _____ Major: _____

Number of hours current semester: _____

Class Rank upcoming fall: ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate Student

Grade Point Average: _____

Educational and Career Goals: _____

_____

Please include a copy of your most recent transcript.

Leadership Experience

List organizations in which you hold or have held membership in the last five years such as, but not limited to, Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA and give offices, positions, year or rank held in each:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Community/Volunteer Activities

List community and/or volunteer activities in which you are or have been involved in the last five years, if applicable, positions held, hours served:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Other Activities

List important activities in which you are or have been involved in the last five years, such as athletics, music, contest, honors, awards, etc.:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Employment Experience

List employment experiences; provide name and address of employer, dates of employment and position held:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Essay

On a separate sheet type a brief essay describing yourself. Include the purpose for which this scholarship would be used and why you believe you are deserving of this scholarship.

Financial Information

Are you applying for or will you receive a scholarship or loan from other sources?
☐ ☐ Yes No

If yes, give source(s) and amount(s): _____

_____

In addition to the above, financing for your educational costs will be derived from:
_____

Total Annual Income Range of applicant:
☐ 5,000 ☐ 5,000 - 10,000 ☐ 10,000 - 20,000 ☐ 20,000 - 30,000 ☐30,000+

References

Include at least two reference letters from individuals other than family members providing additional information about your scholastic and community image.

Signatures

I hereby state that the information submitted herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Also, to the best of my knowledge, I am not related to an officer or director of the Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association.
I understand I must enroll for at least nine credit hours per semester to receive scholarship payments if awarded.

Applicant: _____ Date:_____

I have read the foregoing application in full and hereby state that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Are you or a family member a member of the VCTGA? _____
(This information is needed to assist in determining eligibility).

Enclosures and Submission

☐ Transcript ☐ Essay ☐ References ☐ Application

Mail completed application with attachments to:

Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association
316 Sunny Field Court
Eustis, Fl 32726

Deadline: May 1

Questions: For any questions contact Robert O'Keeffe @ 540-651-8440 , 540-580-3528 or rifton@swva.net

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