

Ag Communications Scholarship Application Page 1

Ag communicators serve to provide producers with the information they need to be successful on the farm or ranch. Whether listening to the radio while feeding, flipping through the paper at the end of a long day in the tractor, or watching the ag report on television, producers depend on ag communicators to bring up-to-date, accurate industry news to the end of every dirt road.

Recognizing the importance of keeping youth in agriculture and that the best ag communicators have rural roots and understand the industry on a personal level, Agri-News, Western Livestock Reporter, Northern Ag Network, and Stockman Bank are teaming up to offer scholarships to youths planning to pursue an education in ag communications.

High school seniors, if you dream of being an ag writer or farm broadcaster, this money will help you to achieve your goals. Up to three scholarships totaling \$4,000 will be given this year.

Who can apply?

- High school seniors with rural backgrounds from any state, although preference will be given to students from Montana and the Rocky Mountain West.
- Students planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or university in any state with the long-term goal of working in ag communications, whether for a broadcast station, newspaper, magazine, breed association, industry organization, or as a freelance writer... the possibilities are endless.
- Note that the applicant need not be planning to study for a particular degree, as many paths lead to ag communications. The applicant also need not attend an ag university.

To apply:

- Complete Page 2 of this application.
- Attach your official high school transcript.
- Attach one typed page introducing yourself, telling of your rural background and your plans to attend college. Please detail how you see yourself involved in agriculture and ag communications as a career.
- Write and attach a sample news article about a current issue affecting producers in your area. You may research the issue and provide details using an ag publication article or radio news report, but you must write an original story, including quotes from at least two local producers commenting on the issue. The story should be one typed page in length. Please include a list of references.
- Attach two letters of recommendation from teachers, advisors, or mentors.
- Include a good quality photo of yourself.
- Include all in a manila envelope and mail to: Ag Communications Scholarship, PO Box 30755, Billings MT 59107. Applications must be postmarked by April 11, 2008.

Preference will be given to:

- Students from ag backgrounds.
- Students who want to serve people in ag.
- Students who can deliver information in concise, easy-to-understand writing.

Questions?

Call 406.259.5406.

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Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

High School: _____

Contact Information for High School: _____

Name(s) of Parents/Guardians: _____

Intended College or University: _____

Contact Information for College or University: _____

Intended Major _____