



2024 Northern Neck Vegetable Growers Association Scholarship Program

This scholarship program is offered by the Northern Neck Vegetable Growers Association, Inc., to promote the agricultural educational endeavors of individuals within the service area of the Association. The program goals are:

- ◆ To identify and assist deserving youth in their educational activities in post secondary education at an accredited institution of higher learning with major areas of study and course work in agriculture and its many related fields of study.
- ◆ Reward deserving youth and recognize their activities and accomplishments in academics, leadership, community service, community group involvement, athletics and other extracurricular accomplishments.

Awards

Four-Year Program

1st Place - **\$4000**

2nd Place - **\$3000**

3rd Place - **\$1000**

Two-Year Program

Two **\$1000** awards

Announcements will be made within one month of personal interviews, typically by mid-summer. **Funds disbursement** will take place upon receipt by the Treasurer of the NNVGA of a bill from the eligible institution on behalf of the award recipient. The funds will be kept in a special account until such time as it is to be disbursed in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Internal Revenue Service. The recipient has until the completion of their 24th year to use these funds to meet their qualifying/stated educational goals. Should such situations occur that preclude the timely and intended use of these funds, any and all balances will revert back to the NNVGA Scholarship fund for disbursement to future applicants. There will be, under no circumstances, any other uses or transfers of these funds to individuals, other parties and/or other uses not covered by the stated goals and intent of this program.

Eligibility

Age: 16-24

All winners are eligible to re-apply.

Applicants must be at least a high school senior or beyond to apply.

Awards are for the pursuit of post secondary degrees (associates, bachelors, trade school certification) at accredited institutions in agriculture but do not apply to post graduate course work.

Preference will be given to individuals who are members of or are family members of members of the NNVGA, Inc. **Membership is not required.**

Applicants must be a resident of one of the following counties unless they are immediate family members (i.e. son or daughter) of an NNVGA producer member. In such cases, the geographic criteria are waived.

In Virginia: Caroline, City of Fredericksburg, Essex, Hanover, Gloucester, King George, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Westmoreland

Family members of officers and directors of the NNVGA are eligible to apply.

Selection Procedure

The NNVGA Scholarship committee will review all applications and their decision will be final. The following scoring outline will be used to evaluate the components of the application.

Academic Performance	20%
Leadership	10%
Community Involvement	10%
Employment Experience	20%
Other Achievements	10%
Written Statement	20%
Letters of Recommendation	10%

Personal Interviews: will be conducted with the top five (5) four-year program candidates and the top four (4) two-year program candidates resulting from the above evaluation process. Applicants will be notified by email with a follow-up email to verify the appointment for the interview. Scores resulting from the interviews will be added to the above scores to determine the eventual winner. Interviews will be conducted on Monday, June 3, 2024.

Membership Preference: all other criteria considered equal, membership status of the applicant and/or their family will be considered with preference being granted to the NNVGA affiliated applicant. For those applicants outside the designated service area, production membership in good standing shall suffice as a geographic substitute and qualify the applicant for all due consideration and any awards.

Application

Due **Wednesday, May 1, 2024 by 5 p.m.**, at NNVGA Scholarship Program, c/o Westmoreland County Extension Office, P.O. Box 8, 18849 Kings Highway, Montross, VA 22520. Only original application materials will be accepted. **No faxed or emailed copies accepted in lieu of original materials.** Be sure to assemble the package in an orderly fashion and to include all the materials outlined on the application.

Photographs

A **high-quality color photograph** (head and shoulder shot) is required. Must be suitable for publication should the applicant be successful. An original or a printed photograph on photo paper will suffice.

Educational Information

Note: Please verify this information by including a certified transcript.

High School:

Name of School _____

Location _____

Date of Graduation _____

No. of Students in class _____ Rank in class _____

Scholastic Average _____

College:

Plan to Attend: _____

Accepted to: _____

Currently Attending: _____

Rank in Fall 2024: _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior
(Check one)

Major in College: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Career Goal: _____

Leadership Experience

List organizations in which you have held membership and offices, positions, ranks you have filled. Include community as well as school affiliated groups and dates you held those offices. (4-H, FFA, Church Groups, Scouts, etc.).

Community Involvement/ Volunteer Activities

List community-based groups and activities in which you have been involved including positions filled, activities conducted and hours served.

Other Activities/Awards

List athletics, other extracurricular activities and recognition you have received such as Girls/Boys State, Forensics Team, Honor Society, Football Captain, etc.

Employment Experience

List jobs that you have held since the age of 16. Include duties, length of time, and the name of the employer.

Written Statement of Goals

In a brief statement, about 500 words, please tell the selection committee what you intend to pursue with your education, the types of courses you will be expecting to take and explain how that will affect your career goals. The written statement is very important and is 20% of the total score assigned to the application.

References

Please include two (2) **current** letters of reference with your application or by the deadline under separate cover, from individuals who can best speak to your character, accomplishments, and achievements. These letters should not be from family members and if they are sent separately, please list the names of those from whom we are to expect letters.

1. _____

2. _____

NNVGA Membership Affiliation

If you are affiliated with a member of the Northern Neck Vegetable Growers' Association, please list the member's name.

Relationship to member _____

Signatures

I hereby submit the included information to the Northern Neck Vegetable Growers Association for consideration in the scholarship program. All the information included is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also give permission to the NNGVA to use my photo and any other information included in this application for public releases to the press to announce contest results and to promote the scholarship program.

Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

The completed application packet should include:

Color Photograph
Certified Transcripts
Written Statement of Goals
Letters of Reference

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