

Friends of Silverton / Mt. Angel FFA Alumni Scholarship Guidelines

FFA Alumni Mission:

The mission of the National FFA Alumni Association is to secure the promise of FFA and agricultural education by creating an environment where people and communities can develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

It is the desire of the Friends of Silverton / Mt. Angel FFA Alumni association to provide financial assistance to qualified Silverton & Mt. Angel FFA members who seek higher education upon graduation from high school.

Award amounts, as well as the number of recipients could change without notice by a vote of the current Friends of Silverton / Mt. Angel FFA Alumni Board of Directors.

Recipients of awards must enroll as full-time students in a school within 12 months after the date the scholarship was awarded. The only exception will be if the winner is elected to a State or National FFA Office. The recipient will then be allowed to reserve the scholarship until the fall term of school after the term of office is completed. Hardship cases may also be accepted if requested and approved by the scholarship committee; funds can be held up to a maximum of 3 years before being redistributed back to the scholarship fund.

Prior recipients of these high school awards may reapply **once**. Recipients can apply for the collegiate scholarship anytime during their college career, whether it be for sophomore or senior year.

The scholarship committee will meet and provide interviews for all applicants on the third Monday in April (subject to change). Selection of award winners will be determined that evening with formal announcement made at the Annual Senior Awards night.

The Silverton & Mt. Angel FFA Chapter Advisor (s) will have the responsibility to ensure that each FFA member is aware of and has access to scholarship applications. Applications will be collected by the FFA Advisor and forwarded to the scholarship committee chairperson.

Deadline for receiving applications will be the second Monday in April of the graduation year. NO late applications will be accepted.

FFA Alumni Values:

- ❖ We value the integral nature of FFA and agricultural education.
- ❖ We value agriculture as an essential part of society.
- ❖ We value diversity in serving all populations.
- ❖ We value the impact of a teacher on a student's life.
- ❖ We value the impact and involvement of parents/guardians and communities on a student's life.
- ❖ We value the community's support of agricultural education teachers and programs

High School Scholarship Criteria:

1. Have been a member in good standing of the Silverton FFA Chapter for a minimum of two years (exceptions can be made).
2. Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
3. Showed evidence that you have been an active participant in FFA projects and activities including competing in one Career Development Event (CDE) and maintaining one Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).
4. Commit to enroll in a school of higher education to further your learning.
5. Complete and submit 3 copies of the scholarship application in typed format by second Monday in April to the FFA Advisor.
6. Submit a letter of recommendation from the FFA Advisor.
7. Submit 2 other acceptable letters of recommendation, (Including but not limited to: school administration, counselor, Clergy member, or employer).
8. Provide an up-to-date copy of your high school un-official transcript.
9. Be available to interview with the Scholarship Committee.
10. Attend Senior Awards night to receive scholarship.

High School Scholarship Selection:

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications and applicants will be interviewed. Award amounts will be based on the applicant's financial need, leadership ability within their school and community, FFA involvement and scholastic achievements. **Award amounts vary between \$500 - \$2,500.**

Collegiate Scholarship Criteria:

1. Past member, in good standing, with the Silverton FFA.
2. May not have received previous Collegiate Scholarship award from the Silverton FFA Alumni.
3. Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
4. Committed to enroll in a school of higher education.
5. Complete and submit 3 copies of the scholarship application in typed format by second Monday in April to the Silverton & Mt. Angel FFA Alumni Director of Scholarships.
6. Provide an up-to-date copy of your collegiate un-official transcript listing each course taken (and future enrollments as applicable), grades, grade points, and credit hours.
7. Provide at least two references complete with address and phone numbers.

Collegiate Scholarship Selection:

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications, in person or virtual interviews may be requested if the Committee so chooses. Award amounts will be based on the applicant's financial need, leadership ability within their school and community, scholastic achievements, and FFA / School Club involvement. **Award amounts vary between \$500 - \$1,500.**

Awards:

Recipients will be notified of their awards at the Senior Awards night and/or via email along with a claim letter. Recipients will need to complete and provide the requested information on the claim letter before award payments can be made. Payments are made directly to the college / trade school.

Les Schwab Incentive Scholarship

In cooperation with Friends of Silverton FFA Alumni, Silverton Les Schwab offers a \$1000 scholarship to one (1) applicant.

Requirements:

1. Be an FFA member in good standing.
2. Show improvement in academics.
3. Have an interest in higher education.
4. Plan on attending an Oregon community College or University.
5. Have a financial need.
6. Complete the FFA scholarship application as well as the Les Schwab Scholarship Essay page.
7. Participate in interview.
8. Attend Senior Awards night for presentation.

Bradley Jensen Memorial Scholarship

In cooperation with Friends of Silverton FFA Alumni, the Bradley Jensen Family offers a \$1000 scholarship to one (1) applicant.

Requirements:

1. Have been a member in good standing of the Silverton FFA Chapter for a minimum of two years.
2. Maintained a 2.5 GPA.
3. Show evidence that you have been an active participant in FFA projects and activities including competing in one Career Development Event.
4. Plans to pursue a degree related to Agriculture at a Community College, University, Technical or Trade School.
5. Have a financial need.
6. Complete and submit 3 copies of the FFA scholarship application as well as the Bradley Jensen Memorial Scholarship application in typed format by the second Monday in April.
7. Submit a letter of recommendation from the FFA advisor.
8. Provide an up-to-date copy of your high school un-official transcript.
9. Be available to interview with the Scholarship Committee.
10. Attend Senior Awards night to receive scholarship.