

DATE: 2018
TO: New York Holstein Association Scholarship Applicants
FROM: New York Holstein Scholarship Committee

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Enclosed is the application for the New York Holstein Association Scholarship that will be awarded at the Junior Holstein Convention in January 2019. The application postmark deadline is **May 1, 2018**.

If you are a full-time college freshman, sophomore or junior at an accredited college or a high school senior, please apply. The selection of recipients is held at a meeting of the scholarship committee. That committee will determine the amount of each scholarship and the number awarded. Notification letters will be sent to both recipients and non-recipients. Four scholarships were awarded at this year's convention.

Members are allowed to receive the scholarship more than once. So even if you have been awarded a scholarship in the past you are still eligible to apply again as long as you still meet all of the eligibility requirements.

Following are general eligibility requirements:

1. Current active member in good standing of the New York Junior Holstein Association or, if 21 years or older, a current Senior member in good standing.
2. Scholarships may be used at any institution of higher learning, two or four year.
3. Individual must be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing in an accredited undergraduate program as described above.
4. Plans to pursue a career in the dairy industry or dairy industry related field.
5. Academic achievement and curriculum, dairy related youth programs (Jr. Holstein, 4-H, FFA), school and community involvement, activities and employment will all be evaluated.

6. Along with your completed application, the following is also needed in the NY Holstein office:

- Two (2) recommendations
- One (1) school advisor's confidential evaluation
-It is highly recommended that you use a current advisor if you are currently in college.
- **Official** transcript of grades for most current completed semester
- A current photo

Your advisor who completes the confidential evaluation may also write one of your two recommendations.

7. As with any application, it is important that you follow directions. **Additional, unnecessary filler material, extra references, or anything that does not follow the instructions of the application will detract from the overall application score.**

Grammar, correct spelling, neatness, thoughtfulness and care in preparation, as well as content and accuracy of the application, will be considered.

8. The application **MUST** be typed. **Please make sure that font size is large enough to be clear and easily read.** 11-12 point is ideal.

9. If you have difficulty typing on the form, please speak with Stacie Sherman in the office. She's happy to help and make sure the application is user friendly.

10. Although an applicant may win more than once, an application must be submitted each year and all requirements must be met. Past winners may apply as long as they are eligible.

11. **Note new deadline!** - Applications must be postmarked on or before **May 1, 2018.**

12. Winners are required to submit a fall semester transcript as proof of completion of a successful full-time fall semester before the convention, to receive their scholarship.

13. It is strongly suggested that applicants call the State Holstein Office to verify that their evaluation (1), recommendations (2), and transcript have been received at the office and are complete about May 16.

14. **If you have applied in the past, but did not receive a scholarship, you are highly encouraged to apply again. Competition is strong and each year is a brand new year.**

Good luck and thank you for your participation. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call the New York Holstein office at 607-273-7591.

Again this year the family of Steve Ziemba will be sponsoring a Memorial Scholarship in his name. All applicants to the NY Holstein Scholarship will be eligible for this award. The Ziemba family will be selecting the recipient based on the following criteria: The recipient should show the potential to be returning to a farm and have the interest and desire to breed and develop good cows. It is possible that a scholarship applicant will be awarded both a NY Holstein Scholarship and the Steve Ziemba Memorial Scholarship.