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## 2016 Agricultural Scholarship

Dear Graduating Senior,

For the 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, the Ag-Business Committee of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce is offering a scholarship for graduating seniors. This year, two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors who reside in Cherokee County. This scholarship may be used at a 2 or 4 year college or university.

Applicants must plan to work toward a degree in the agriculture field. Examples may include the following areas of agriculture or agri-business:

Production	Horticulture	Sales & Service	Products & Processing
Forestry	Conservation	Mechanization	Wind Turbine Energy
Research	Economics	Animal Science	Veterinary Science
Engineering	Education		

Ag Health (Occupational Health, Nursing with plans to work in a rural community)

To apply, please return the enclosed application postmarked on or before April 1, 2016 to:

2016 Agriculture Scholarship  
Cherokee Chamber of Commerce  
201 West Main Street  
Cherokee, Iowa 51012

Please contact the Chamber at 225-6414 or e-mail [director@cherokeeiowachamber.com](mailto:director@cherokeeiowachamber.com) with any questions.

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Chamber Agri-Business Committee

**Cherokee...Your Place to Be!**

**2016**  
**CHEROKEE CHAMBER AGRI-BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

*Please type or print neatly.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Do you reside in Cherokee County? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or PO Box) (Town & State) (Zip Code)

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Planning to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

What is/will be your major area of agricultural study? Please be specific \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or PO Box) (Town & State) (Zip Code)

Parents' Occupations \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION** *(Enclose official transcript)*

What was your high school GPA? \_\_\_\_\_ High school class rank? / \_\_\_\_\_  
(your rank) (# in graduating class)

What was your composite ACT score? \_\_\_\_\_ Asset/Compass score? \_\_\_\_\_

What high school academic honors have you received? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PART III. ACTIVITIES** (attach one/two additional pages if needed for this section)

List agricultural and other clubs that you belong(ed) to and any other school activities. Indicate offices held, position of leadership, and activities in which you participate(d).

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List church, civic, or community activities.

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Briefly summarize your experience in agriculture/agribusiness.

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**PART IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Since financial need is one factor in selecting the scholarship, the following information is critical to the selection committee in their deliberations. The information is strictly confidential and will only be reviewed by the members of the selection committee.

What are your expected education expenses for the next year?

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_ Room & Board \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_  
(books & personal)

How is your education being financed? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you (or will you) work during the year to support your education? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, approximate: Hours/week? \_\_\_\_\_ Annual earnings all sources? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Type of work? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work during the summer? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a scholarship or tuition waiver for the 2016 school year? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please complete the following and also indicate if you are waiting for a decision on a scholarship or tuition waiver.

**Name of Scholarship or Waiver**

**What is its value?**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Approximately what percent of your education expenses are paid by your parents? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other sources of income? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, detail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any debts? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, detail amount and description of debts. \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status (check one): Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

No. Dependents \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate amount in savings, checking account, cash? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings \_\_\_\_\_, ages of siblings \_\_\_\_\_, number who are attending college \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you feel you qualify for financial assistance? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**PART V. PERSONAL REFERENCES**

Please submit **two** character reference letters with this application. References may not be relatives of the applicant. If reference letters are sent under a separate cover (not with application), please inform the people writing your reference letters of the April 1 deadline.

**PART VI. ESSAY**

Please attach a typewritten essay (**double-spaced two-page maximum**) explaining your professional goals and objectives. Clearly state in your essay the contributions you expect to make to agriculture and/or agribusiness and how this scholarship will help you achieve these goals. **Please do not exceed 500 words.**

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and complete.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** Applicant and a parent and/or guardian **must** sign the application.

**NOTE:**

**THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AT FULL TIME STATUS, PAYING FULL TIME TUITION TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT.**

**APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE  
April 1, 2016.**

**APPLICANT**  
**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO**  
*2016 Agriculture Scholarship*  
*Cherokee Chamber of Commerce*  
*201 West Main Street*  
*Cherokee, Iowa 51012*

