

We See More In Your Fields



Agricultural Scholarship Award Program

January 2017

MaxYield Cooperative is one of the largest agricultural cooperative companies in North Central Iowa. MaxYield Cooperative serves nearly 2000 members in 24 communities. Our locations include: **Algona, Bancroft, Belmond, Britt, Dickens, Emmetsburg, Everly, Forest City, Fostoria, Garner, Greenville, Gruver, Klemme, Langdon, Mallard, Meservey, Milford, Rodman, Spencer, Superior, West Bend and Whittemore.** MaxYield is often the largest employer in many of these communities with nearly 220 full-time employees.

Purpose of Scholarship Program

The purpose of the MaxYield Cooperative scholarship program is to encourage area youth to pursue and prepare for careers in agriculture. This program is designed to provide financial assistance for students pursuing higher education in the field of agriculture.

Scholarship Amount

MaxYield will offer a maximum of **six \$1000 scholarships** to full time students in pursuit of agricultural curriculum. Scholarship applications and essays are due to MaxYield by March 1, 2017. (Postmarked no later than March 1, 2017)

Selection Committee

MaxYield Cooperative has designated the following individuals to serve as the scholarship selection committee: (subject to change)

Chad Meyer: Client Relations, MaxYield Cooperative
Patti Guenther: Education Team Leader, MaxYield Cooperative
MaxYield Team Member TBD
Representative from MaxYield Cooperative Board of Directors

Scholarship Eligibility

1. **Applicant must be a MaxYield Cooperative client or a dependent of a MaxYield Cooperative client.**
2. Applicant must be a high school or college student enrolled in an agricultural curriculum.
3. **The applicant must complete the application form. Forms are sent to area guidance counselors and high schools, available on our web site, or may be picked up at any MaxYield location.**
4. **Applicants must submit a written essay with the application, no more than one page, entitled “Why I selected agriculture as my career.”**
5. **Applicants must submit a copy of your high school and college (if applicable) transcripts.**
6. Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time freshman, sophomore, or junior student at an accredited College, Trade School, or a high school graduating senior enrolling into the fall semester at an accredited College or Trade School.
7. Applicants must have cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 at a local high school or college.
8. **Maximum number of times a student can win the scholarship award is twice.**
9. The awarded scholarship will be applied toward tuition for Fall Semester.

Award Process

1. Complete the application and return to MaxYield Cooperative at the following address by March 1, 2017 (Postmarked by March 1, 2017):

Chad Meyer
MaxYield Cooperative
P.O. Box 49
West Bend, IA 50597

2. The Selection Committee will review applications; with the finalist(s) personally interviewed by the committee.
3. Scholarship winners will be personally notified of the award.
4. Financial Aid Department of applicable college will apply scholarship award toward tuition.

Requests for additional applications or questions on this program may be directed to:

Chad Meyer, West Bend, 515-887-7211 or cmeyer@maxyieldcooperative.com



Scholarship Application

MaxYield Cooperative will award a maximum of six (6) scholarships of \$1000 to students in pursuit of an Agricultural Degree in two or four year college programs. Scholarship recipients will be awarded according to the following criteria: 1) review of submitted essay, 2) leadership potential, 3) good academic standing and 4) career goals/vision. Applicant must be a full-time student that has been or will be accepted into a college program that offers an agricultural degree or a two year transferable Ag program to go on and major in agricultural curriculum. Postmark deadline is March 1, 2017.

A photo is needed for publicity of scholarship recipients.

Include original photograph, no scanned photos or photocopies please.

Full Name _____
 Birth date _____
 Home address _____
 City, State _____
 Home phone # _____
 Cell Phone # _____
 Email _____
 (Use of email/cell # only for scheduling scholarship interviews)
 Name of parent(s) or guardian _____
 Name of high school _____
 Are you a MY Co-op client or a dependent of a MY Co-op client? _____
 Education and career goals: _____
 Current educational status (Specify grade level) _____
 What is/will be college or university attending _____

 Academic major _____
 Career goals _____

School and community activities including offices held in organizations while in high school and/or college.

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Year</u>
a.	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____
e.	_____	_____
f.	_____	_____
g.	_____	_____

Employment

	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Position/Title</u>	<u>Period of Employment</u>
a.	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____

Agricultural Ownership

	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Year</u>
a.	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____

Please list courses taken in high school and/or college that support your interest for a career in agriculture:

Scholarship applicant’s statement on why he/she should be a MaxYield Cooperative scholarship recipient:

Applicant’s thoughts on why cooperatives are important to agriculture:

Applicant’s opinion on how cooperatives should serve its membership in the future:

If your answers require additional space, please continue on another sheet of paper.

Please return a copy of your high school and college (if applicable) transcripts with this application.

The information requested is for the purpose of awarding scholarships. No persons other than the scholarship selection committee will have access to this information.

I authorize MaxYield Cooperative to release copies of this information to the scholarship selection committee and to publicize the scholarship award if I am a recipient.

Signature of student _____ Date _____

Send this application and a copy of your high school and college (if applicable) transcripts to Chad Meyer, MaxYield Cooperative, P.O. Box 49, West Bend, IA 50597 by the **POSTMARK DEADLINE OF March 1, 2017.**

Please Return:

- a. Completed Application Form (pages 3-4).
- b. Written essay, no more than one page, entitled “Why I selected agriculture as my career.”
- c. Copy of your high school and college (if applicable) transcripts.