

# 2011 Scholarship Program



The annual **Northwest Farm Credit Services Scholarship Program** promotes the further education of our youth in the rural Northwest. In 2011, 32 \$1,500 scholarships (eight per state) will be awarded to graduating high school students who plan to attend a higher education institution within the next year.

Twelve additional \$1,500 scholarships (three per state) will be awarded to 2011 fall college sophomores, juniors or seniors. Any career or major is eligible for college applicants. However, a preference will be given to those students who plan to pursue an ag-related career.

Scholarship winners will be selected based on school and community involvement, scholastic performance, educational goals, and financial needs. Interested students are asked to complete the application on the reverse side. **High school students, please submit your application to your local Northwest FCS office.** College students, please forward application to: Marketing Department, PO Box 2515, Spokane, WA 99220-2515. The deadline for both applications is **March 15, 2011**. Winners will be announced in early May of 2011.

## **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants must:

- ◆ Be a son or daughter of a current Northwest FCS customer
- ◆ Be a current Northwest FCS customer (for non-traditional students)
- ◆ Be a son or daughter of an employee of a current Northwest FCS customer (need name and signature of current customer on application in order to be considered)

## **In addition for high school students:**

- ◆ Be a 2011 high school graduate
- ◆ Plan to attend any higher education institution within the next year

## **In addition for college students:**

- ◆ Be a 2011 fall semester/quarter sophomore, junior or senior enrolled in a higher education institution
- ◆ Must not have won a \$1,000 Northwest FCS Scholarship previously

## **Selection criteria**

- ◆ **Scholarship:** measured by grades and transcripts (5 points)
- ◆ **Leadership:** measured by positions held in student government, civic and church groups (10 points)
- ◆ **Extra-curricular activities:** measured by participation in sports, school and community organizations as well as work experience (10 points)
- ◆ **Essay:** measured by content and message (25 points)

*Children or grandchildren of the Association Board of Directors or Northwest FCS employees are not eligible to apply.*

## 2011 Northwest Farm Credit Services Scholarship Program Application Form

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_ or College: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Credit Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Northwest FCS Customer Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Must fill out next two lines IF parent is employee of Northwest FCS customer**

**\*If Parent is employee of Northwest FCS Customer, write in customer name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Signature of Current Customer Required:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **High School Students fill out**

Size of Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **College Students fill out**

Current Class: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

University Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Must include a copy of your high school or college transcripts (whichever is appropriate)**

***Add additional pages if necessary:***

Leadership: \_\_\_\_\_

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Extra-Curricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list local papers to be notified if selected for scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

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College/University you plan to/currently attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Career Field You Plan to Pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Essay Instructions:**

Your essay helps the judges learn more about you and your future life plans. Please write an essay no more than a page in length and discuss one or more of the following topics.

- Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school.
- Who in your life has been your biggest influence and why?
- What are your dreams of the future? When you look back on your life in 30 years, what will it take for you to consider your life successful?
- Why have you chosen your career field and what do you hope to achieve in the next 10 years?
- What are your major accomplishments, and why do you consider them accomplishments?

Attach the essay to this application. **High School:** Return this application to your local office. **College:** send to Attn: Marketing Dept., PO Box 2515, Spokane, WA 99220. **Deadline: March 15, 2011.**