



News Release

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NORTHWEST FARM CREDIT SERVICES ANNOUNCES 2009 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SPOKANE, Wash. -- Northwest Farm Credit Services announces the fourteenth annual Northwest FCS Scholarship program to promote the further education of youth in the rural Northwest.

"We consider our scholarship program just one of the ways Northwest FCS demonstrates our commitment to rural America and our customers," said President and CEO Jay Penick.

The 2009 program includes twenty four scholarships offered to high school senior sons or daughters of current Northwest FCS customers or customers' employees' sons and daughters in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Six winners from each of the states will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships.

In addition, eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to Northwest FCS customers' sons or daughters, customers' employees' sons or daughters, or current customers, who will be college juniors or seniors in the fall of 2009.

High school seniors and college juniors or seniors should contact their local Northwest FCS' office for an application or visit www.farm-credit.com.

Scholarship winners will be selected based on scholastic performance, school and community involvement, educational goals, and financial need. The deadline for application submissions is March 16, 2009. Winners will be announced in early May 2009.

Northwest Farm Credit Services provides financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, commercial fishermen, timber producers, agribusinesses, crop insurance customers, and rural homeowners in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. For more information go to www.farm-credit.com.

2009 Scholarship Program



The annual **Northwest Farm Credit Services Scholarship Program** promotes the further education of our youth in the rural Northwest. In 2009, 24 \$1,000 scholarships (six per state) will be awarded to graduating high school students who plan to attend a higher education institution within the next year. Eight additional \$1,000 scholarships (two per state) will be awarded to 2009 fall college 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 16, 2009**. Winners will be announced in early May of 2009.

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 2009 high school graduate
- ◆ Plan to attend any higher education institution within the next year

In addition for college students:

- ◆ Be a 2009 fall semester/quarter junior or senior enrolled in a university
- ◆ 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.

2009 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: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities: _____

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

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 16, 2009.**

