



Scholarship Application

Dear Student:

The members of Pacific Northwest Grain & Feed Association are pleased to announce our plans to award multiple scholarships **to qualified applicants who are either working for, or have family members working with, our regional industry.**

As the cost of college education continues to increase, obtaining an advanced education is becoming harder to achieve. Our scholarship program is dedicated to helping top students reach their academic potential and career goals, while responding to the financial pressures placed on their families.

To qualify for this award, applicants must be high school seniors, college freshmen and/or sophomores, who have either been accepted, or are currently enrolled in a 2- or 4-year accredited college or university, and **connected with our grain and feed Direct membership** in some way. Previous recipients of the PNWGFA Scholarship are not eligible to apply again. The deadline for applying for these awards is April 8, 2020, so act now!

****NEW**** In recent years, the Board added the PNWGFA Ag Leader Scholarship, which is awarded to deserving candidates actively pursuing education and a career in an agricultural field. Other scholarships in various fields will also be considered.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 8, 2020.

The 2020 scholarship application has two formats: the online application www.pnwgfa.org/scholarship or the PDF fillable form. The onus falls upon the student to ensure **all** required sections are correctly submitted and received by PNWGFA prior to the stated deadline. Partial applications will not be considered.

The recipients of the Pacific Northwest Grain & Feed Association Scholarship grants will be notified via phone and by letter by the end of May 2020. Special recognition to the membership will be given at the Annual Convention June 20, in Whitefish, MT. Recipients are welcome, but not required, to attend this event.

I sincerely hope you will take advantage of this scholarship program by submitting your application today. We wish you success in achieving your educational goals, and offer our assistance. The next step will be yours. Good Luck!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marvin Clinesmith'.

Marvin Clinesmith, HighLine Grain Growers
2020 Scholarship Committee Chairman
Pacific Northwest Grain & Feed Association

Instructions:

Following these five steps will improve your chances of being selected as a scholarship recipient:

1. Type or print the application.
2. Complete and return application as soon as possible. The application deadline is **April 8, 2020**.
3. Scholarship awards are based on the applicant's GPA, Work Experience and Leadership Qualities, and **Applicant's Statement**, with a possible total of 100 points. Failure to complete one or more sections of the application will likely disqualify your application. (*See Eligibility and Application Procedure sections below.)
4. Use the space provided, and be as concise as possible. Within reason, additional information may be included on supplemental sheets.
5. Recipients of the scholarship awards will be notified by the Association by the end of May 2020. Funds will be sent to the scholastic institutions within 5 weeks of the start of the school year. All applicants will receive notification via letter by the end of May.

Eligibility (***please note this important criteria***)

All Direct members in good standing with the Pacific Northwest Grain & Feed Association:

1. Immediate family members of a **Direct** member. (Direct Members: This category includes the country grain elevator companies, feed and flour milling operations and export grain merchandising firms throughout the Pacific Northwest. Direct members are assessed annual membership dues based on the company's annual gross annual sales volume.)
2. Employee and/or a legal dependent of a **Direct** member.
3. Owner/Patrons, or their legal dependents, of a Direct member firm. Contact [PNWGFA office](#) to verify a PNWGFA **Direct** member.
4. All candidates must have received a letter of acceptance or be enrolled in an accredited college, university or community college. Consideration will be given to, but not limited to students who have chosen a career in some area of agriculture, business, home economics or vocational education.
5. Applicants may only be awarded a PNWGFA Scholarship once; previous winners not eligible again.

Application Procedure:

The following **must** be submitted by **April 8, 2020**:

1. Complete Scholarship Application (including all required statement pieces).
2. ***A letter of introduction and recommendation from a [PNWGFA Direct member in good standing](#).**

Selection Process:

1. The scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, demonstrated leadership, extracurricular accomplishments, work experience and an evaluation by a counselor or advisor.
2. All recipients must enter school no later than the fall term following the announcement of the scholarship.

Email (preferred), fax or mail your application to margerie@pnwgfa.org, or
Pacific Northwest Grain & Feed Association
147 SE 102nd Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97216
ph: (503) 227-0234 ♦ fax: (503) 253-9172

Note: Before completing, read all instructions.
 Please do not place the application in any type of binder or cover.
 Please do not include pictures. This form may be photocopied.
Application MUST be post marked by April 8, 2020, in order to be considered.

I. Student Information / Education & Career Goals (*all fields in this section are required)

Name _____ Gender: Female ___ Male ___ Date of Birth: _____
 (First Last) (MM/DD/YY)

Address _____
 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone Number _____
 (Main / Cell Phone) (Alternative Phone) (Email Address)

1. Date you enrolled in college/plan to enroll in college: _____

2. Name of college you attend/you plan to attend: _____

* Student ID Number _____

* Degree you plan to pursue (B.S./B.A., etc.) _____

* Indicate your probable area of study/major (be specific) _____

3. Briefly state your future career plans: _____

II. Work Experience

Points: 15

1. Describe your work experience (list a minimum of two). Use supplemental sheet if necessary.

Month/Year	Employer	Duties/Responsibilities

III Grade Point Average (High School & College)**Points: 15**

Applicant Name_____

(Important Note: Base GPA on A = 4.0. If scale is other than A = 4.0, please convert to a 4.0 scale)

We certify that the below information is correct. (At Least One Signature is required.)

_____ High School Cumulative GPA _____
GPA _____ (School Name)

High School Principal:_____ Date:_____

High School Guidance Counselor:_____ Date:_____

_____ College Cumulative GPA _____
GPA _____ (Institution Name)

Admissions Office:_____ Date:_____

College Advisor:_____ Date:_____

IV. (a.) Leadership Activities**Points: 20**

List leadership activities and the level of participation in each (office held, assignments, awards, contests). These may include class offices, club activities, extracurricular student activities, civic organizations or church groups. (Additional activities may be listed on an separate sheet.)

Activity	Local/ Chapter Year(s)	Area/District Year(s)	State Year(s)	National Year(s)

IV. (b.) Community Involvement**Points: 10**

List a minimum of four other activities that were helpful in making you a more considerate, involved and contributing individual. (Do not duplicate items listed in section IV, a.)

Activity	Year(s)

V. Instructor Statement _____ **Points: 15**

(Instructor Name / School)

To Advisor/Instructor/Counselor: Please use this space to provide your evaluation of the applicant's achievements, contributions and dedication as a student. **Please be specific - your knowledge and/or investment in this student will be weighted in total scoring.** If you require additional space, you may attach a supplemental sheet. In addition, please indicate special circumstances, such as financial need, which should be considered. This section must be completed scholarship consideration.

I certify that the information provided in this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date _____ Phone No. _____

VI. Applicant's Statement**Points: 25**

In the space below, share your career plans and why you are choosing the identified studies/career path. Why is your career path important to you? What life experiences have impacted and prepared you for your future? How will receiving a PNWGFA scholarship assist in achieving your goals?

VII. Signatures of Applicant & Parent/Guardian

We certify that all information given on this application is true, correct and complete to the best of our knowledge.

Applicant's Signature:_____ Date:_____

Parent/Guardian Name Print/Typed_____

Parent/Guardian's Signature:_____ Date:_____

VIII. PNWGFA Member Introduction & Recommendation (Required)

Referred by PNWGFA Direct Member Company:_____
(Company Name)

Letter of introduction & recommendation from a PNWGFA Direct member in good standing.
(Letter may be mailed, emailed or faxed separately.)