



**Merrimack County Farm Bureau**  
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Dear Applicant,

Merrimack County Farm Bureau offers scholarships for post high school education from two different memorial funds: the Trudy Gay Memorial Scholarship and the “Chip” McNamera Memorial Scholarship.

The following guidelines must be met before you may be considered eligible for a scholarship:

1. Applicant or applicant’s immediate family (parents or siblings) must be a member in good standing of Merrimack County Farm Bureau at the time of application, and at the receipt of award. Membership is available at a student level.
2. If a student is attending post-secondary education for the first time, they will receive their award after successful completion of the first semester, documented by a copy of their transcript showing the final grades. The award must be claimed prior to April 30 of the following year.
3. Payment is made to the applicant and not to the school.
4. An award may be made to the same student in successive years if he/she proves to be the worthiest of all applicants.
5. In order to be considered for the “Chip” McNamera Memorial Scholarship, the applicant must be enrolled in an agricultural major or program. Preference will be given to applicants attending the Thompson School of Applied Science at UNH, with an interest in dairy science.

Please make sure **ALL** the documents in the application are filled out completely. It is your responsibility to give the request for a reference to the person filling it out, and then attach the completed references to your application. ***In order to be considered, your completed application, including all references, transcript, photo, and essay*** must be received by **May 15, 2025** in the New Hampshire Farm Bureau office. There will be **NO** exceptions. Applications may be mailed to the above address, or hand delivered to the NHFB office.

The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and present their recommendations to the Board of Directors. A final decision will be made at or before the Merrimack County Farm Bureau Board meeting on the second Thursday of June.

If you have any questions you may contact me by email at [merrimackcountyfb@gmail.com](mailto:merrimackcountyfb@gmail.com).

Thank you for your interest in our scholarships.

Sincerely,  
Leandra Pritchard  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Merrimack County Farm Bureau



**For Committee Use Only:**

Application Complete/Application ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Determination – Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 References Attached \_\_\_\_\_  Trudy Gay Scholarship Fund  
 Current Member \_\_\_\_\_  Chip McNamera Scholarship Fund

➡ **START HERE:**

What are you planning to study? \_\_\_\_\_

What school/program are you attending? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the address of the school/program? \_\_\_\_\_

When are you planning to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

This will be my (first, second, third, fourth year): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed occupation or profession after college? \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Statement**

I hereby certify that:

1. I am a full-time or part time student as defined by the Office of the Registrar, or similar administrative entity at the educational facility I am attending.
2. I hereby acknowledge the information submitted herewith is true and correct.
3. I have not included my name on the essay portion of my application. (Please use first person only).

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Statement** (not needed if applicant is age 21)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the following application in full and hereby state with my knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicants Name) is applying for scholarship grant to further his/her education at \_\_\_\_\_ (College/University/Facility).

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

## **I. Personal Information**

Name: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all children in family living at home or receiving full support from home (including applicant).

*Name:*

*School, College or Occupation:*

*Age:*

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## **II. Education History**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended any post-secondary education? If yes, please explain, including how many years you have completed, or certificates of completion you have earned.

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**TRANSCRIPT:** Please attach a copy of your most recent grades either from your high school, or post-secondary education. This can be a copy of an official transcript, or otherwise marked by the school as a completed grade.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Please summarize your Church, Extracurricular and/or Community Activities (use additional paper if needed):

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### **III. Essay**

Please provide a written statement of between 250 and 500 words, explaining why Merrimack County Farm Bureau should consider you for this scholarship and how it would enhance your post-secondary educational experience. Please provide information on your agricultural interest and experience (if applicable).

### **IV. Photo**

Please include a recent picture of yourself for publicity purposes. A digital version of the photo may be requested once the scholarship is awarded.

### **V. References**

#### ***FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS***

Please provide three *Character References* from people in your community with at least two different occupations. References cannot be from a family member. You will need to make copies of the reference form, and fill them out completely. Give one form to each of the people you have asked to recommend you, and have them return it to you with their letter. These references are to be included with your application.

*Your application cannot be considered without these three references.*

#### ***FOR REPEAT APPLICANTS***

Please provide two *Educational References* from faculty or advisors at the facility that you have been attending, who can address your commitment to further study. You will need to make copies of the reference form, and fill them out completely. Give one form to each of the people you have asked to recommend you, and have them return it to you with their letter. These references are to be included with your application.

*Your application cannot be considered without these two references.*



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## Merrimack County Farm Bureau Scholarship Reference

Reference for (Applicant's Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the above information and include this document with your letter of reference. Return them to the applicant so they may be included with their application for a scholarship. The completed application must be received at the above address by **May 15, 2025** in order to be considered. Thank you.