

TRI-COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED BY:
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www.tricountycattlemen.com and our Facebook page**

The Tri-County Cattlemen's Association will award six scholarships of \$1,000 to eligible students and one \$1500 scholarship in honor of Casey Krieg. To be eligible, you must meet and complete the following requirements:

- I. You must be a high school senior who is a resident of Henderson, McDonough, or Warren County AND plan on attending a two year college, four year university, or trade school.
- II. You must be an active member of your county's 4-H, local FFA chapter, or be enrolled in an agriculture education course.
- III. You must attend a two year college, four year university, or trade school and submit your first semester transcript with a 2.25.
- IV. You must fully complete the application and write an original essay on “**A significant challenge to the beef industry.**” The essay must be at least 750 words and needs to be typed and attached to the application. Failure to meet essay guidelines will result in disqualification.
- V. You must enclose a letter of recommendation from a current educator in a sealed envelope.

All applications, essays, and teacher recommendations must be **postmarked by March 15**. The Tri-County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship Committee will then administer the applications to an outside source, read each essay, score the applications and select seven scholarship recipients based on ranking of points. Essays will be judged on the basic clarity of expression, originality, relevance of the topic, and the ability to follow the scholarship application guidelines. Additional points will be given on the scoring rubric for those that own beef cattle or are directly involved in the beef industry and are members of the Illinois Beef Association or Illinois Junior Beef Association.

Recipients will be notified at their high school awards ceremony. The scholarship check will be presented to the recipient following successful completion of the first semester with at least a 2.25 cumulative GPA.

Please send in a legal sized envelope:

1. Completed application
2. 750 word essay: “A significant challenge to the beef industry.”
3. Sealed teacher letter of recommendation

Addressed to: **Tri-County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship**
Gayle Baker, TCC Secretary, 2435 45 St Little York, IL 61453

Feel free to attach additional pages if necessary for the questions on the following pages.

Planned Major/Career Goals:

How will your chosen major benefit the agriculture industry?

Describe your employment experiences you have had during high school.

Briefly summarize your experience or interest in the agriculture/livestock industry/agribusiness industries.

Why is it important for people with an agricultural background to be advocates for agriculture in our society?

Explain what you think the role of a beef producer will be like in 2060.

Describe, in detail, your affiliation/involvement with the beef industry.

Why should we select you to receive the Tri-County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship?

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Teacher Recommendation

This recommendation is to be completed by a teacher who has had or currently has the applicant in their class.

You may use this form or submit a letter that addresses the same points.

Describe how you know the applicant:

Describe the applicant's academic performance and working habits:

Describe why you believe this applicant will succeed in his or her chosen course of study:

Please provide any additional information that will help in the consideration of the applicant for this scholarship:

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Please return this completed recommendation in a sealed envelope to the applicant.