

“Excellence in Agriculture”

Scholarship Program

2011-2012 Edition



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Dear student:

Agriculture plays a critical role in today's world. From food to fuel, the agricultural industry touches nearly every aspect of day-to-day living. Equally as important as the industry itself are the individuals who support it. From producers to marketers, engineers to agronomists, highly talented and educated individuals play a key role in this growing business.

West Central[®] is pleased to offer a scholarship program for high school seniors from rural communities across Iowa. As the cost of post-secondary education rises, the goal of obtaining an advanced education is becoming harder to realize. This program is designed to recognize students' academic achievements and potential while responding to the financial pressures felt by many rural families.

West Central will be awarding four (4) one-year scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each during the 2011—2012 academic year. Recipients may attend the accredited post-secondary institution and program of their choice. We sincerely hope you will take advantage of this scholarship program and wish you success in achieving your academic goals.

West Central

EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2011—2012 APPLICATION FORM

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Application Number: _____

(Office Use)

NOTE: Before completing, read the instructions and **DO NOT** attach supplemental materials or place the application in any type of binder or cover. A typewritten application is preferred. All information given on this application will be kept strictly confidential. Scholarship recipients will be chosen by an independent committee supervised by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.

I. SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- A. Applicant and/or parent must be a voting member, in good standing, of West Central.
- B. Applicant must be a high school senior graduating in the spring of the 2012 school year.
- C. Applicant must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- D. Applicant must pursue a career in agriculture or enter an ag-related field of study at any accredited post-secondary school of his or her choice.
- E. Dependents of directors and officers of West Central are not eligible to apply for these scholarships.

II. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION/EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER PLANS

SS#: _____ Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Father's Occupation: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

A. Name of West Central board member in your area: _____

B. Name of the school you plan to attend: _____

C. Date of enrollment: _____

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

2. Indicate your anticipated field of study/major (be specific): _____

III. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BUDGET

<i>Expenses</i>		<i>Resources</i>	
Tuition and Fees	\$ _____	Savings	\$ _____
Room and Board	\$ _____	Assistance from Parents, Other Relatives	\$ _____
Books and Supplies	\$ _____	Loans	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	Scholarships (Received)	\$ _____
Incidentals (Transportation, Recreation, Laundry and Mis- cellaneous)	\$ _____	Part-time Work During School Year	\$ _____
		Other Sources (specify)	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	Total	\$ _____
		Amount Needed to Balance Budget	\$ _____

E. Briefly state your future career plans:

F. Where did you first hear about this scholarship program? *(Check only one)*

Guidance Counselor West Central Mailing/Advertisement Other *(Please specify below)*

IV. ACTIVITIES

1. List a maximum of eight major activities and your level of participation in each (offices held, committee assignments, awards, contests, etc.). Activities may include class offices or clubs, extracurricular student activities, community service, or church activities, etc.

V. WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Describe any work experience you have had over the past four years. (Include both farm and non-farm employment and activities, along with any amusing stories which have resulted from being on the job.)

2. What changes do you think agriculture will undergo in the next five years?

VI. TEACHER STATEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER)

To teacher: Please use this space to give an evaluation of the applicant's course of study in high school and dedication as a student.

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

Name (please print): _____ Signature and Date: _____

Phone: _____ Subject Taught: _____

VII. STUDENT STATEMENT

In the space below, explain why the scholarship committee should select you as a recipient of one of West Central's scholarships:

VIII. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION—HIGH SCHOOL

High School: _____

Principal: _____

High School Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

High School Phone: _____

_____ Cumulative Grade Point Average through junior year; Base grade point average on A = 4.0.

Rank in high school class: _____ out of _____ students

High School Graduation Date: _____

We certify that the above information is correct.

High School Principal _____ Date _____

I authorize West Central to release copies of this form to the committee designated to make the scholarship selections and to publicize the scholarship award if I am a recipient.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

This form must be postmarked or hand delivered to the office of any West Central location by no later than **January 27, 2012**, in order to be considered for the awards. Recipients of scholarships will be notified by mail on or before April 27, 2012.

Further questions regarding West Central Cooperative's "*Excellence in Agriculture*" scholarship program should be directed to: **Sarah Dorman, Communication Specialist, Ralston, (712) 667-3200**, or any of the following West Central regional managers:

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