



Stark Co. Cattlemen's Association Distinguished Youth & Post Graduate Awards Rules & Guidelines

Purpose

The purpose of the Stark Co. Cattlemen's Association (SCCA) is to promote the beef industry in Stark Co. SCCA's goals, as they relate to the Beef Industry, are to: 1) Provide services for our **Membership**; 2) Educate and promote a positive image to the **Public**; 3) Assist and guide **Youth**

One way SCCA addresses its youth goal is to award annual educational scholarships in 2 categories:

- 1) **Distinguished Youth Beef Awards** – An award of \$1,000 each to two (2) individuals who have excelled in the beef industry and plan to pursue a post high school education in any field of study.
- 2) **Post Graduate Scholarship** – An award of \$1,000, this scholarship given to one (1) Stark Co. student taking advanced studies in food, agriculture or environmental sciences.

Eligibility Requirements

Application for these scholarships is open to any Stark County youth who has exhibited a Beef related project (Market Steer, Beef Breeding, Beef and/or Dairy Beef Feeder, Veal) for a minimum of 3 years at the Stark County Fair.

Distinguished Youth

- 1) Applicants are to be either a graduating high school senior or an enrolled college student who is not yet 19 as of January 1st of the current year.
- 2) Applicants must be enrolled or plan to enroll at an accredited College or University in pursuit of a 2 or 4 year degree in any field of study.
- 3) Applicants MUST BE in their LAST year of eligibility for showing projects at the fair.

Post Graduate

- 1) Applicants are to have met the above Beef Project eligibility and be pursuing advanced studies in food, agriculture or environmental sciences.
- 2) Applicants must be enrolled or plan to enroll at an accredited College or University in pursuit of a Masters, PhD., or Dr. of Veterinary Medicine.
- 3) Post Graduates may apply for the scholarship for as many years as they are involved in Post Graduate work.
- 4) In the selection process extra weight will be given to students in Veterinary Medicine or Beef Science.

NOTE: Both Distinguished Youth and Post Graduate applicants will be evaluated on Junior Fair, 4-H, FFA activities and/or achievements, involvement with school or community organizations, scholastic performance and a personal statement. The above information must be documented on the application form (see attached). The applicant may be requested to come before an evaluation committee for final selection.

Award Presentation

The awards will be announced and presented prior to the Steer Sale at the Stark County Fair. All applicants are strongly encouraged to be in attendance.

Deadline for Application

The SCCA Distinguished Youth Application Form must be completed and returned no later than **August 17, 2014** to: Becky Vincent, 9007 Hillchurch St SE, East Canton, Oh 44730