

HILLSIDE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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To all GRADUATING SENIORS residing in Berkshire, Hampshire, or Franklin Counties:

This is your invitation to apply for one of the four \$500 scholarships awarded by the Hillside Agricultural Society, sponsor of the Cummington Fair. Your acceptance at any accredited two or four year college makes you eligible to apply.

Applications must be submitted before May 1, 2017, and must include:

- 1. Letter stating your financial need, community service, future plans, and personal background.**
- 2. Official transcripts of your scholastic records.**
- 3. Three letters of reference, one of which must be from a person not associated with your school.**

Applicants will be judged on the basis of these additional credit may be given to any applicant who plans a career in any phase of agriculture, who come from an agricultural background, or who has volunteer and/or has exhibited at the Cummington Fair.

Shortly after May 1st, the Scholarship Committee will meet and evaluate all applications. Winners will be personally notified and schools will receive an announcement that can be included at their graduation exercises or awards assemblies. Actual payment of the award will be made to the student after satisfactory completion of the first semester of college.

Money for these scholarships is earned from the dining room and the food concessions at the Cummington Fairgrounds during the Fourth of July horse and ox drawing contests. Scholarship winners are requested to assist in whatever capacity they are able during this event and are not otherwise asked to repay their scholarship.

Fully completed applications must be sent to me prior to May 1st. Late or missing information could result in disqualification.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Howes-Chairman

Scholarship Committee

Hillside Agricultural Society

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