HILLSIDE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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February 1, 2019

To all GRADUATING <u>SENIORS</u> residing in Berkshire, Hampshire, Hampden, 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, 2019**, and must include:

- 1. Letter stating your financial need, what steps you have taken toward helping with the financial planning (such as work experience, personal savings etc...) community service, future plans, and personal background.
- 2. Official transcript of your scholastic record.
- 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 and additional credit may be given to any applicant who plans a career in any phase of agriculture, who comes from an agricultural background, or who has volunteered and/or has exhibited at the Cummington Fair.

Shortly after May 1st, the Scholarship Committee will meet and evaluate all applications. Recipients 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 recipients are encouraged to volunteer at 2019 fair events.

Fully completed applications must be sent to me **prior** to **May 1**. Please email to <u>scholarship.cummingtonfair@gmail.com</u> or to the address below. Late or missing information could result in disqualification.

Sincerely,

Linda Judd – Chairman Scholarship Committee Hillside Agricultural Society

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