

HILLSIDE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
CUMMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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February 1, 2026

To all GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS 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 **RECEIVED BY April 30, 2026** and must include:

1. A letter stating:
 - A. Financial need
 - B. Steps you have taken in helping with your financial planning
 - C. Community Service
 - D. Future Plans
 - E. Any agricultural experience
 - F. Your involvement at the Cummington Fair
 - G. Contact information including mailing address, **email** and phone number
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 elements and additional credit will 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 food concessions at the Cummington Fairgrounds during the horse and ox draw contests in June 2026. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to volunteer at this event.

Fully completed applications must be **RECEIVED BY April 30, 2026**
Please email to scholarship.cummingtonfair@gmail.com or mail to the address below.
Late or missing information will result in disqualification.

Sincerely,

Linda Judd – Chairman
Scholarship Committee
413-268-3264