2015-16 Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc. Scholarships Guidelines

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Purpose

The purpose of the Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc. is to assist in improving the quality of rural life in this state by providing broader educational opportunities for interested farm family and rural area students. The broadening of health care, the broadening of educational systems, the enhancement of cultural offerings, and the modernization of agricultural practices are among the important objectives of this Foundation.

Scholarship / Categories

A total of 34 scholarships are available to Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) students in the amount of \$500 per year.

Scholarships are intended to defray the educational costs for <u>full-time (12 or more credits)</u> and <u>part-time (6-11 credits)</u> Nursing or Agriculture / Agribusiness programs in Wisconsin technical colleges. Eligible programs include: <u>Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Majors (17 Scholarships)</u>

- Agribusiness/Science Technology
- Dairy Herd Management
- Dairy Science
- Farm Business & Production Management
- Farm Management
- Farm Operation
- Veterinary Technician

Nursing Majors (17 Scholarships)

- Nursing Associate Degree
- Nursing Assistant
- Practical Nursing

Deadline

Applications are due by <u>December 18, 2015</u>. Please return completed applications to:

Karen Showers
Education Director
Counseling & Student Support
Wisconsin Technical College System Office
4622 University Avenue
P.O. Box 7874
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7874

Final decisions regarding awards are made by Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc.

Eligibility

- Must be a Wisconsin resident and enrolled full-time or part-time in an eligible Wisconsin technical college program.
- Must apply for financial aid, and financial need is determined by a financial aid officer at the local technical college.
- Applicant must have been or currently be a member of a family operating a Wisconsin Farm. A family farm is defined as an agricultural entity of any size with the majority of the family income derived from the farm operations. This does not include hobby farms. Farms in other states do not qualify.
- If there are not a sufficient number of approved applicants involved in a Wisconsin Family Farm, consideration may then be given to a person from a rural Wisconsin area. Rural is defined as a township, village or city with a population of less than 20,000, based on the most recent Federal Census.
- In the event an applicant has completed his / her first year, prior academic achievement will be considered.
- If candidates meet all eligibility requirements, demonstrated leadership ability will be used as a deciding factor.

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Scholarship Application Form

To be completed by the <u>student</u> at the time of scholarship application. <u>Note:</u> The scholarship recipients' information may be used by Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc. for their website and other publications sharing the selections.

Due Date: December 18, 2015

Please Print or Type Information

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<u>School Certification</u> – This section must be completed by your technical college's financial aid office, or the application will be returned.

1)	This student has applied for financial aid, and has financial aid need.							
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	I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate. I also agree that the Wisconsin technical college I am attending may release information regarding my academic accomplishments to the Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc.							
	Signat	ture of applicant			Date			

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