



**JOINT APPLICATION  
THE FOND DU LAC AREA ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE  
AGRI-BUSINESS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP  
AND  
THE FOND DU LAC AREA FOUNDATION  
HAROLD REINECKE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Fond du Lac Area Agri-Business Council Scholarships and the Fond du Lac Area Foundation Harold Reinecke Scholarship will be available to individuals from the Fond du Lac County area pursuing post-secondary training at a university, trade school, technical college, UW-Short Course, etc.; in the fields of agriculture or agribusiness. The Fond du Lac Area Foundation Harold Reinecke Scholarship honors the long-time county extension agent by establishing this scholarship to aid young people preparing for careers in agriculture.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. An application form can be obtained from the Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce or your high school. The application can also be obtained on the Agri-Business Council's website at [www.fdlac.com](http://www.fdlac.com) (click on Programs & Committees) or via e-mail if a request is sent to [info@fdlac.com](mailto:info@fdlac.com). The completed, typed application form must be submitted to the Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce Agri-Business Scholarship Committee on or before **Friday, April 3, 2009**.
2. All parts of the application form must be complete to be considered for a scholarship.
3. **TWO** letters of recommendation **MUST** be included with your application. These recommendations should be from individuals within the community; for example, teacher, minister, 4-H/FFA leaders, neighbor, employer, or someone who would have knowledge of your scholastic and leadership abilities.
4. A high school or college transcript must be enclosed. Scholastic ability, leadership, community activities and financial need are all considered when awarding the scholarships.
5. Applicants must be enrolled in the fall/winter semester (or term) of the year of application.
6. Include one current wallet size photo to be used for publicity purposes when winners are announced.
7. No hand written applications will be accepted.
8. The scholarship committee may request additional information.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Those presently enrolled or planning to enroll in a school pursuing post-high school training in agriculture or agribusiness are eligible to apply. Eligibility is limited to those individuals pursuing initial education beyond the secondary level. Individuals who have attained a post-secondary diploma, associate or baccalaureate degree are not eligible.
2. Individuals cannot receive a Fond du Lac Area Agri-Business Council scholarship more than two (2) times. The Fond du Lac Area Foundation Harold Reinecke Scholarship may only be received once.
3. Individuals must reside in Fond du Lac County or actively participate in school-sponsored activities, such as FFA, in Fond du Lac County. Members of 4-H clubs in Fond du Lac County are also eligible.

## **AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Winners will be announced in the spring of the year of application. Agri-Business scholarships will be given to the winners upon successful completion of the first semester of schooling following selection. Verification of successful completion of the first semester of schooling is the responsibility of the applicants; a transcript must be submitted to the Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce Agri-Business Scholarship Committee, 207 North Main Street, Fond du Lac, WI. Several scholarships will be awarded ranging from \$250.00 to \$500. The Fond du Lac Area Foundation Harold Reinecke Scholarship is \$500, paid after proof of enrollment is received by the Fond du Lac Area Foundation.

## **SELECTION GUIDELINES**

- ◆ Scholastic Performance
- ◆ Extra-Curricular (High school, college, community)
- ◆ Grade Point
- ◆ Class Rank
- ◆ Honors
- ◆ Career Plans
- ◆ Financial Need (Required for Reinecke Scholarship)

## **COMMITTEE RULES & GUIDELINES**

1. Committee should take into consideration the number of applicants when deciding the number of scholarships to award. Agribusiness Council: minimum = 2 scholarships. Harold Reinecke Scholarship = 1scholarship.
2. There should be 2 categories of scholarships: one for the high school seniors who have not attended post secondary education, and one for those presently attending post secondary education.
3. The scholarships should be announced in early May so as to coincide with high school graduation and school honors/awards programs.
4. When presenting the scholarship award, the committee should include an explanation on the process of obtaining the scholarship money (copy of transcript indicating successful completion of first semester sent to the Association of Commerce – Harold Reinecke requires proof of enrollment sent to the Fond du Lac Foundation).
5. All final decisions are at the committee's discretion.

## **CHECKLIST OF ITEMS NECESSARY FOR COMPLETE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Joint Application Form Pages 1 – 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ High School Transcripts



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**Please complete the following questions below. Please type.**

A. Describe your background and involvement in agriculture (work experience and education; include farm and agribusiness background.)

B. Describe your past and present involvement in community activities.

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C. Please list your school activities (high school, extra-curricular and beyond). Also include any honors or awards you have attained.

D. How do you plan to finance your education? Please express financial need.

E. List the two individuals from whom you have requested recommendations.

Name:  
Firm/Organization:

Name:  
Firm/Organization:

Address:

Address:

Phone:

Phone:

**Return on or by Friday, April 3, 2009 to:**

Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce  
Agri-Business Scholarship Committee  
207 N. Main Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935