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High school seniors pursuing a career in agriculture, life sciences, or ag-related fields are invited to apply for the Landus Cooperative 2017-2018 *Excellence in Agriculture* scholarship.

The *Excellence in Agriculture* scholarship awards five \$2,000 scholarships for any accredited post-secondary program. Applications are available online at www.landuscooperative.com/about/resources or at any Landus Cooperative location.

Scholarship Requirements:

1. Applicant and/or parent must be a voting member, in good standing, of Landus Cooperative.
2. Applicant must be a high school senior and graduate in the spring of the 2017-2018 school year.
3. Applicant must have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale through his/her junior year.
4. Applicant must pursue a career in agriculture or enter an ag-related field of study at any accredited post-secondary school of his or her choice.
5. Dependents of directors and officers of Landus Cooperative are not eligible to apply for these scholarships.

Applications must be returned by Jan. 26, 2018. If you have questions regarding the Landus Cooperative *Excellence In Agriculture* scholarship, please contact me at (515) 817-2168 or Alyssa.Hemesath@landuscooperative.com.

Sincerely,

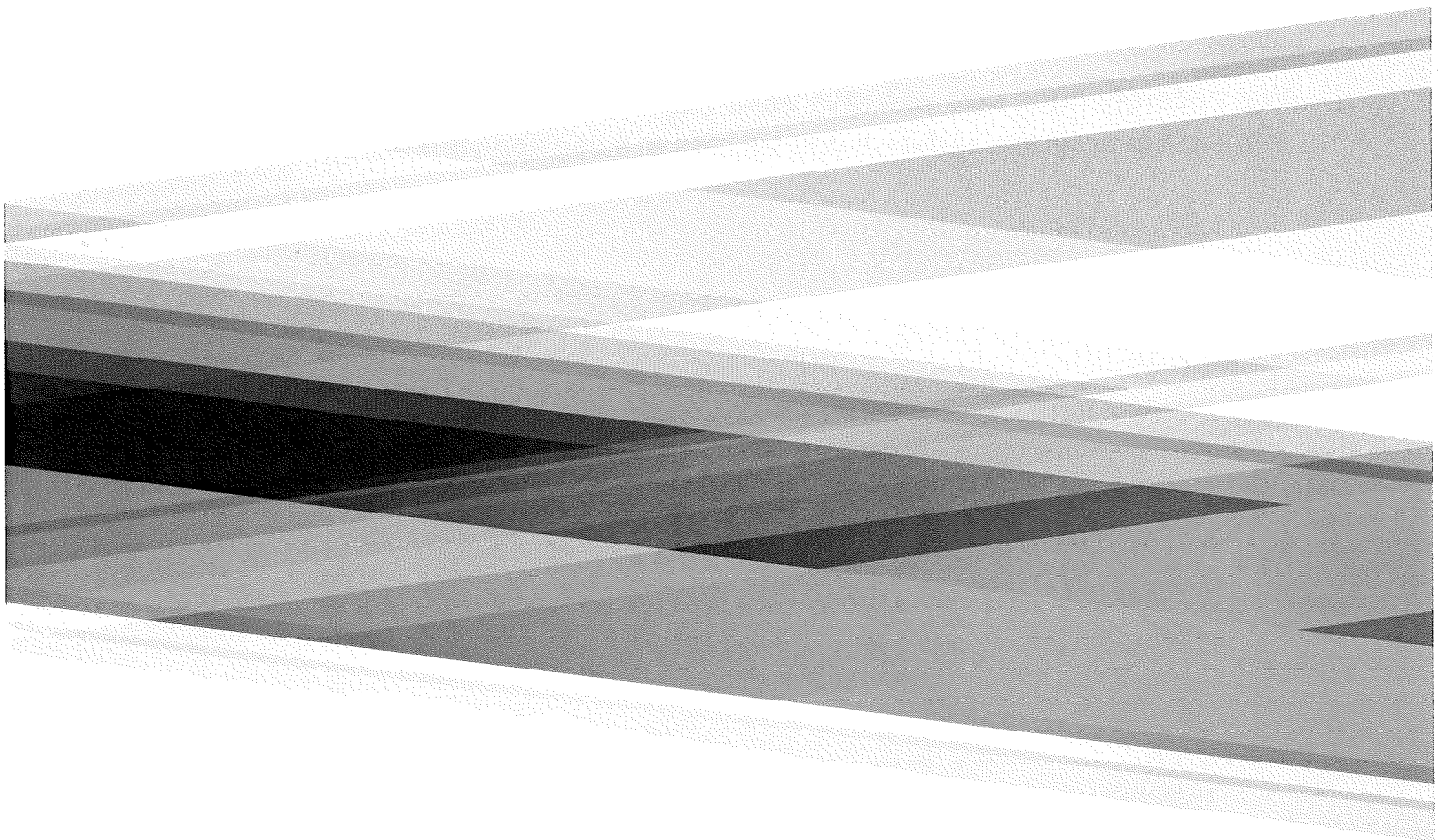
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Alyssa Hemesath
Communications Specialist



2017–2018 Edition

“Excellence in Agriculture”
Scholarship Program





At Landus Cooperative™, we are pleased to offer a scholarship program to high school seniors in our territory who plan to utilize their post-secondary education to feed and fuel our neighbors and people around the world. These young leaders will play a critical role in shaping agriculture in coming decades.

As a farmer-owned cooperative, we are privileged to be in a position to consult with producers who are feeding the world as well as support the educational pursuits of those who will positively influence the industry for years to come. While the cost of post-secondary education rises, the goal of obtaining an advanced education is becoming harder to realize. This scholarship program is designed to recognize students' academic achievements and potential while responding to the financial pressures felt by many rural families.

Landus Cooperative will be awarding five (5) one-year scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each during the 2018—2019 academic year. Recipients must enter an agriculture or life sciences program at the accredited post-secondary institution of their choice. Recipients will be chosen by an independent committee supervised by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.

We sincerely hope you will take advantage of the *"Excellence in Agriculture"* scholarship program and wish you success in achieving your academic goals.

Application Number: _____
(Office Use)

“Excellence in Agriculture”

Scholarship Application

NOTE: Before completing, read the instructions

DO NOT attach supplemental materials or place the application in any type of binder or cover. A typewritten application is preferred. All information given on this application will be kept strictly confidential. Scholarship recipients will be chosen by an independent committee supervised by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.

I. SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant and/or parent must be a voting member (Class A) in good standing of Landus Cooperative.
- Applicant must be a high school senior graduating in the spring of the 2018 school year.
- Applicant must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must pursue a career in an agriculture or life sciences field of study attending the accredited post-secondary school of his or her choice.
- Dependents of directors and officers of Landus Cooperative are not eligible to apply for these scholarships.

All areas of the application are required.

II. APPLICANT INFORMATION/EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER PLANS

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Father's Occupation: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

Landus Cooperative Account Number: _____

High School: _____

A. Name of the post-secondary school you plan to attend: _____

B. Date of enrollment: _____

1. Degree you plan to pursue (B.S./B.A., etc.): _____

2. Indicate your anticipated field of study/major (be specific): _____

D. Briefly state your future career plans:

E. Where did you first hear about this scholarship program? (Check only one)

___ Guidance Counselor ___ Landus Cooperative Mailing/Advertisement ___ Other (Please specify below)

If other: _____

III. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BUDGET

<i>Expenses</i>		<i>Resources</i>	
Tuition and Fees	\$ _____	Savings	\$ _____
Room and Board	\$ _____	Assistance from Parents, Other Relatives	\$ _____
Books and Supplies	\$ _____	Loans	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	Scholarships (Received)	\$ _____
Incidentals (Transportation, Recreation, Laundry and Miscellaneous)	\$ _____	Part-time Work During School Year	\$ _____
		Other Sources (Specify)	_____
			\$ _____
			\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	Total	\$ _____
		Amount Needed to Balance Budget	\$ _____

IV. ACTIVITIES

1. List a maximum of eight major activities and your level of participation in each (offices held, committee assignments, awards, contests, etc.). Activities may include class offices or clubs, extracurricular student activities, community service, or church activities, etc.

V. WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Describe any work experience you have had over the past four years. (Include both farm and non-farm employment and activities, along with any life lessons which have resulted from being on the job.)

2. What changes do you think agriculture will undergo in the next five years?

VI. TEACHER STATEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER)

To teacher: Please use this space to give an evaluation of the applicant's course of study in high school and dedication as a student.

I certify that the information provided in this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name (please print): _____ Signature and Date: _____

Phone: _____ Subject Taught: _____

VII. STUDENT STATEMENT

In the space below, explain why the scholarship committee should select you as a recipient of one of Landus Cooperative's scholarships:

VIII. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION—HIGH SCHOOL

Principal: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

High School Address (*Street, City, State, Zip*): _____

High School Phone: _____

_____ Cumulative Grade Point Average through junior year; Base grade point average on A = 4.0.

Rank in high school class: _____ out of _____ students

High School Graduation Date: _____

We certify that the above information is correct.

High School Principal _____ Date _____

High School Guidance Counselor _____ Date _____

I authorize Landus Cooperative to release copies of this form to the committee designated to make the scholarship selections and to publicize the scholarship award if I am a recipient.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

This form must be postmarked or hand delivered to the office of any Landus Cooperative location no later than **January 26, 2018** in order to be considered for the awards. Recipients of scholarships will be notified by mail on or before March 30, 2018.

Further questions regarding Landus Cooperative Cooperative's "*Excellence in Agriculture*" scholarship program should be directed to:

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