



## **Our Future is in Agriculture Scholarship Program**

This is an opportunity for students to move ahead in their careers with financial support from VitaPlus-Loyal and MixRite Feeds. The program recognizes deserving students with a long-term career interest in agriculture and rewards them with career funding.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To apply for the **Our Future is in Agriculture Scholarship Program**, a student must:

- Either be a high school senior enrolled in one of the following Wisconsin counties: Wood, Clark, Jackson, Marathon, Trempealeau, Buffalo, Eau Claire, Dunn, Pepin, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Ashland or Taylor, **OR**, if outside of those counties, be closely involved with a dairy farm that is a customer of VitaPlus-Loyal or MixRite Feeds.
- In the fall of the next academic year, plan to enroll in an accredited vocational/technical institute, community college, four-year college or university that offers an academic major in a field related to agriculture.
- Plan on a career in agriculture and related fields.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT AND COVERAGE**

One-time awards of \$500 will be given to selected high school seniors who meet the eligibility requirements. These awards are good for one year and are not based on financial need. Recipients of awards are allowed to:

- Apply funding toward tuition and fees, room, board, books, supplies and incidental expenses.
- Transfer from one institution to another and retain the scholarship.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

An application for the **Our Future is in Agriculture Scholarship Program** is attached. Applications and supporting credentials must be received by March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please include a photograph of yourself for advertising purposes. Incomplete application packets will be severely graded. Please remember to send the application form, essays, photo, academic record and letters of reference.

**SELECTION OF WINNERS**

An impartial, anonymous selection committee composed of agricultural professionals will select the winners in April of each year. In evaluating the applicants, the committee will consider their high school academic records and standardized test results. However the primary considerations will be toward selecting well-rounded applicants with strong desires about the agricultural industry. Therefore extracurricular activities and evidence of genuine interest in agriculture are important. The required essays are an important part of the evidence to be considered. Please feel free to answer them on a separate page if you believe it is necessary, however legibility is important and each answer should be no more than 500 words. Please request reference letters from three individuals. Show them this application and have them send letters directly to us.

**PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

Scholarship payments are made when recipients provide proof of registration and attendance at their chosen institution. Payments will be made directly to the individual on or about November 1. Questions about policies and payments may be directed to VitaPlus-Loyal, P.O. Box 277, Loyal, WI 54446, phone 715-255-8555. Please request the General Manager.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Please complete this application and give it to your high school guidance counselor as soon as possible. To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to school officials to release my secondary school record and other requested information for consideration in the scholarship program.

**Applicants signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counselor**

Please verify the scholastic information and enclose a copy of the students academic high school record.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_, please print \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: VitaPlus-Loyal, Scholarship program, P.O. Box 277, 213 East Mill St., Loyal, WI. 54446

**Applicant** –please answer the following questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

County of residence \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a resident of the listed counties please describe your involvement with a VitaPlus customer.

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Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardians name \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide test results from any college entrance standardized exams that you have taken \_\_\_\_\_

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In the fall I plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to major in \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any jobs that you have held:

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Please describe your extracurricular school activities and the approximate amount of time involved:

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Please describe your involvement in community activities:

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Please describe your educational and career goals and how they relate to agriculture:

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