

THE DWAIN BURLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship will be awarded to a worthy graduate of the Seymour Community School District or Wayne Community School District. This scholarship is intended to encourage a young person to further their education in agriculture or farm related studies. It is designed to benefit a graduate who has shown a caring spirit for the local community and neighborhood, cares for the land and its use or has shown care and respect for livestock.

All scholarship money will be presented upon proof of enrollment at a junior college, college, or university for the ensuing fall semester.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must be graduates of the Seymour Community School District or Wayne Community School District (or districts succeeding these districts and serving Wayne County) with the intention of enrolling full-time at a junior college, college or university.
2. Applicants must have maintained at least a 2.8 grade point average throughout high school. A signed copy of the applicant's transcript must be provided.
3. Applicants must provide proof of membership in the Future Farmers of America (FFA), or similar agricultural related organization.
4. Applicants must submit a letter of application, which includes the information set forth above as well as the following additional information:
 - the name of the college, university or junior college they plan to attend;
 - why they chose this particular institution of higher learning;
 - what led them to this career choice;
 - a statement of personal and educational goals pertaining to the chosen agricultural field;
 - a summary of any work related experience in the field of agriculture; and
 - a statement of personal character traits, financial need, and community activities and involvement.

5. Applicants must supply a letter of recommendation from a school representative and a letter of recommendation from a non-related community representative.
6. Applicants must appear, if requested, for an interview with the Dwaine Burley Memorial Scholarship selection committee.
7. Scholarship applications must be received by the applicant's high school FFA Advisor by April 15 annually.
8. A scholarship must be claimed by March 1st of the year following the one in which it was awarded (generally two semesters). If not claimed, the scholarship will be considered forfeited, and the amount awarded will be returned to the appropriate scholarship fund. Special exceptions may be granted by written permission from the Wayne Community Foundation Board of Directors.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Applications for the Scholarship will be judged using the following criteria:

1. Community Service
2. Demonstration of Leadership
3. Personal Qualities/Strength of Character
4. Academic and Scholastic Record
5. Evidence of caring spirit for the community
6. Work Experience
7. Financial Need