

Mount Vernon Farmers Market Scholarship Program

The Mount Vernon Farmers Market Scholarship program was established to promote academic achievement for High School Seniors attending Mt Vernon, Burlington, Sedro Woolley, Concrete, Anacortes and Mount Vernon Christian High Schools.

It is important for local farms to support our youth and through this scholarship program we offer college/trade school bound students an opportunity to receive a \$1000.00 scholarship. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition or school related expenses.

Funding for the scholarships have been attained from donations, sponsorships and from vendor fees collected by the MVFM.

We are seeking applicants who have a passion for sustainable farming, organic farming and/or sustainable ecosystems as they relate to our beautiful Skagit Valley.

The general requirements for an applicant to the MVFM Scholarship funds include the following:

- Must be a current resident of Skagit County Washington
- Enrollment in an educational institution or engage in an educational program which will be brought back to Skagit County
- Educational concentration in the area of agricultural sustainability, organic farming/ranching or sustainable ecosystems within Skagit County.
- Must be currently enrolled in one of the six (6) Skagit County High Schools

In addition to the general requirements the Awards Committee of the MVFM Board of Directors will be weighing on a point scale the following:

- Your anticipated major
- Your GPA
- Written essay – no less than 2 pages using Arial Font size 12
- Three (3) written reference letters
- Interview with the committee
- Community volunteer hours (agricultural volunteer hours preferred)

MVFM Volunteer Hours – Note: we strongly suggest you to volunteer hours at the Farmers Market. You can establish a number of available hours to volunteer by contacting Tia EntriKin, MVFM Executive Director at ed@mountvernonfarmersmarket.org

Applications Open - February 16th, 2025

Applications Close - April 12th, 2025

Application Form

Instructions: The scholarship application consists of the application form and written essay as well as three (3) written reference letters. Follow the directions carefully. Only fully completed applications will be considered. We very much look forward to receiving your application.

Applicant Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Scholarship Required Information:

- Current High School you are attending
- Cumulative GPA
- College/Trade School you will be attending or are currently enrolled in
- Your overall Major

Briefly describe:

- Your overall Major/Educational Goals (you may attach an additional sheet if needed)

- Goals you have met in your high school career to date
- Your hobbies/interests/extra-curricular activities
- Are you currently of a farming family? If so, the name of the farm
- The title of your essay

Essay: Please include in your essay why you have chosen an agricultural education. Besides the educational opportunities of college/trade school, give us an idea of how you may spend your free time pursuing your goals. Essays must be no less than two (2) pages in length using Arial Font, size 12, single spaced.

Please submit your completed application and essay by mail or email to:

Tia Entrikin, Executive Director, MVFM

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