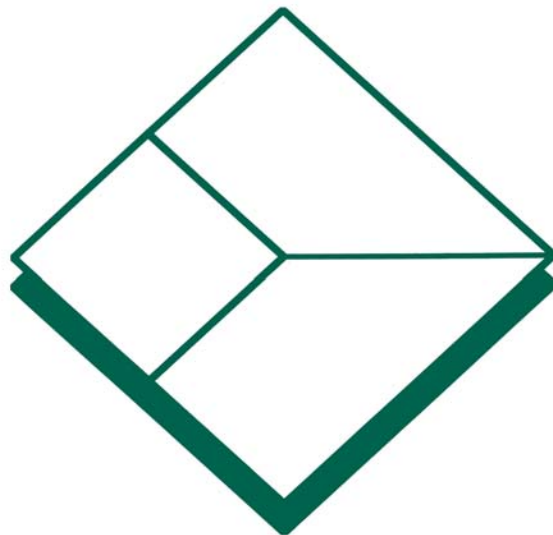


The Community Foundation of Frederick County

Maryland Master Farmers Scholarship Application For the 2010-2011 academic year



Return completed application packet to:

The Community Foundation of Frederick County
312 East Church Street
Frederick, MD 21701

www.cffredco.org
301-695-7660

General Information

Dedicated to promoting the rich agricultural history of the beautiful State of Maryland and wanting to ensure that future generations will pursue a career in agriculture, members of the Maryland Master Farmers – C. Rodman Myers, Mehrle Ramsburg, Jr., Franklin S. Gladhill, and DeWalt Willard, Jr. – turned to the Community Foundation to establish The Maryland Master Farmers Scholarship Fund.

The purpose of the Fund shall be to support annual scholarships to State of Maryland residents who are pursuing a post-secondary education in agriculture or a related field. Scholarships shall be based upon financial need, academic promise, and a commitment to pursuing a career in agriculture. Scholars may be attending the college or university of their choice.

Student Criteria and Information

1. The student must have applied to one or more or must be attending an accredited trade school, certificate program, college or university, within the United States, at the time of application.
2. The student must have a weighted 2.0 GPA or higher or at least an un-weighted 2.0 GPA at the time of application.
3. Students must be enrolled for a minimum of 10 credit hours per term.
4. The Community Foundation may hold personal interviews with final candidates.

Timeline

1. Scholarship applications are available **from December 22 through February 15** of each year for the following academic year.
2. The Community Foundation must **receive** the completed application package with all enclosures by **Monday, February 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** for consideration (not post-marked).
3. Applicants are advised of the status of their application by **June 15, 2010.**
4. Scholarship checks are mailed to the institution after **August 1, 2010.**

How to Apply

The applicant should submit the following as part of the scholarship packet to be considered for this scholarship. The Community Foundation has the right to request any additional material from the applicant.

- A. Completed scholarship application form pages 5 through 10
- B. Copy of applicant's high school or college transcript. High School seniors must include grades and cumulative Grade Point Average from the first marking period
- C. Two recommendation letters; these may not be from a family member
- D. A copy of the completed 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a copy of the 2010-2011 Student Aid Report (SAR)

PDF Application Instructions

The Maryland Master Farmers Scholarship Application is made available in a "fillable" PDF format. The application is not available in a WORD format.

It is recommended that applicants have Adobe® Reader® version 8.0 or higher for best results. Adobe® Reader® may be downloaded free at www.adobe.com.

Applications from previous years will not be accepted.

A **printed copy** of the completed 2010-2011 application is to be submitted to The Community Foundation of Frederick County before February 15, 2010.

Completed applications may not be submitted electronically.

Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

Scholarship Awards

1. As a condition of the scholarship, recipients must submit an **official transcript to the Community Foundation within 30 days** of the close of each academic term to substantiate their enrollment and GPA. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of current and future scholarships. The Community Foundation may ask that the scholarship award be returned if transcripts are not submitted on time.
2. Recipients who leave a program, do not take the 10-credit minimum, are on academic probation or take a leave of absence should contact the Community Foundation within 30 days. Noncompliance may result in the forfeiture of current or future scholarships. The Community Foundation may ask to have the scholarship award returned if the recipient fails to do so.
3. Recipients will be announced in area media and will be listed in the Community Foundation's annual report and on its website.
4. Students receiving scholarships and their families will be invited to the Community Foundation's Annual Scholarship Reception on Sunday, June 27, 2010, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Eventplex at the Frederick Fairgrounds.

NOTE: Applicants who wish to be considered for other scholarships administered by the Community Foundation must also complete the *Universal Comprehensive Scholarship Application* (see instructions at www.cffredco.org).

The Community Foundation of Frederick County has the right to request additional materials from the applicant.

SECTION 4- AGRICULTURAL CAREER GOALS

Please describe your agricultural career goals:

SECTION 5- ACCOMPLISHMENTS, TALENTS, AND AWARDS

An accomplishment is something you have done or earned. A talent or skill is something you have developed. An award is something given or bestowed upon you. Please list below in the order of importance to you.

<u>Achievements, Talents and Awards</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Year of achievement</u>
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SECTION 8- EMPLOYMENT

Please list **paid** work experience and internships. Start with most recent position.

Employer name	Dates	Position/Duties	Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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SECTION 9- PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list the names and addresses of two personal references that have written letters of recommendation for you. These letters may not be from family members.

These letters MUST accompany this application; they cannot be sent under separate cover.

Name	Relationship	Address
1. _____		
2. _____		

SECTION 10- OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS APPLIED FOR

Have you applied for other scholarships?	Yes	No
Have you received other scholarships?	Yes	No

If, yes, please list from whom and how much:

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SECTION 11- PERSONAL STATEMENT

Include other information you wish the Scholarship Committee to know about you, your family, and your personal situation not already described in the application.

**APPLICANT CHECKLIST, ATTESTATION, and PERMISSION TO SHARE APPLICATION
AND RELATED INFORMATION:**

Completed and signed application pages 5 –10 using the PDF format

Two letters of recommendation letters; these may not be from a family member

Copy of college transcript with cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

High school seniors must include first marking period grades along with cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) on their transcript

A copy of the applicant's 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA) or Student Aid Report (SAR)

This application is for scholarships awarded from The Maryland Master Farms Scholarship Fund, a component fund of The Community Foundation of Frederick County. The Maryland Master Farmers statewide organization also awards scholarships. By checking the box below, you give permission to The Community Foundation of Frederick County to share this application and all related information with the state Master Farmers for consideration in its scholarship selection process.

I give permission to The Community Foundation of Frederick County to provide a copy of my completed Maryland Master Farmers Scholarship Fund application and related information to the state Maryland Master Farmers. The state Maryland Master Farmers organization is independent of the Community Foundation. The Community Foundation will not notify applicants if their application has been forwarded. Additionally, Maryland Master Farmers is responsible for notifying applicants of the status of their scholarship applications.

No. I do not want my application packet forwarded to The Maryland Master Farmers

I attest that all information contained within this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____