

Montgomery County Farm Bureau

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY FARM BUREAU TO AWARD EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

At the Annual Picnic on June 12, 2011, Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Inc. will offer six (6) \$1,000.00 scholarships to undergraduate or graduate students majoring in agriculture or an agricultural related field in a two-year or four-year educational institution. These scholarships are designed to assist students who have demonstrated character, scholarship and talent and who are interested in pursuing an education and eventual career in the Maryland agricultural, plant related industries and/or Maryland Education. Montgomery County Farm Bureau realizes the importance of supporting the next generation by offering these scholarships in order to keep agriculture viable and keep the family farms and agriculture related businesses in the state of Maryland.

Eligible applicants must be a resident of Montgomery County, MD, be enrolled or accepted in a undergraduate or graduate animal science, plant science or other agricultural related curriculums in a two-year or four-year institution, carry a full-time course load during the semesters the scholarship is granted, demonstrate an overall 2.5 GPA, receive excellent references from employers, and/or instructors and/or industry contacts, intend to pursue a career in animal science, plant science or other agricultural related industries, and be available to receive the scholarship in person at the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Annual Picnic on June 12, 2011.

Please contact Susan Butler at (301)428-0444 or by email at ButlersOrchard@cs.com to obtain an application. The completed application and all attachments must be received by May 10, 2011. Applicants will be notified of the results by mail.

Montgomery County Farm Bureau, with a membership of over 3,000 family members, is part of the Maryland Farm Bureau, a private, non-profit membership organization. The Maryland Farm Bureau Mission is to promote and protect Maryland agriculture and rural life. Its strength comes from the active participation of over 32,000 member families that belong to the state's 23 county Farm Bureaus. For more information, visit the website at www.mdfarmbureau.com.

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