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Empire State Potato Growers Inc. **ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION**

The Empire State Potato Growers Inc. annually awards a scholarship for undergraduate students, residing in New York State, pursuing college studies benefiting the agricultural industry. All applications will be considered.

It will be provided at the rate of \$500 per academic year, for up to 4 consecutive years of undergraduate education. Full-time academic study in the field of agriculture must be pursued.

Selection will be based on the following criteria: Agricultural-related areas of undergraduate study (i.e. Agricultural Engineering, Agronomy, Crop & Soil Sciences, Entomology, Food Sciences, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, Agricultural Economics), academic achievement, leadership abilities and NYS residency.

Anyone in the potato industry should encourage qualified applicants to apply. Completed application forms must be postmarked on or before **January 15** to be considered.

An application form is included in this mailing or forms can be downloaded at the ESPG website, or by calling/ emailing: Scholarship Fund/ Empire State Potato Growers Inc., PO Box 566, Stanley, NY 14561, 585.526.5356, mwickham@nypotatoes.org.

The winner will be honored at Empire Farm Days at the Rodman Lott & Son Farms, Seneca Falls. The show is sponsored by the Empire State Potato Growers Inc.

EMPIRE STATE POTATO GROWERS INC

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EMPIRE STATE POTATO GROWERS, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Applicant must be a NYS resident, pursuing an agricultural-related area of undergraduate study (i.e. Agricultural Engineering, Agronomy, Crop & Soil Sciences, Entomology, Food Sciences, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, Agricultural Economics).
2. Scholarship will be awarded based on area of study, academic achievement, and leadership abilities.
3. Application is to be completed by Applicant. Applicant is required to provide 2 essays as noted below, summary of school and community activities, grade transcript, and 2 letters of reference.
4. Application deadline is January 15th.
5. Initial receipt of \$500 per academic years, for up to 4 consecutive years of undergraduate studies, will be upon proof of active, full-time enrollment in an agricultural-related major at the designated college.
6. Subsequent funding will be dependent upon continued full-time enrollment in an agricultural-related major and a 2.7 out of 4.0 academic average. Transcript to be provided by student at the end of each year.
7. Current employee and director family members are exempt from receiving scholarship.

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION BY JANUARY 15th TO:
Scholarship Fund
Empire State Potato Growers Inc.
PO Box 566, Stanley, NY 14561
585/526-5356

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____
PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____
PARENT(S) NAME(S): _____

1. Explain in 200 words or less how your goals and ambitions qualify you for this scholarship. Attach.
2. Explain in 100 words or less your career goals. Attach.
3. Attach a list of your activities that demonstrate citizenship, service to society and leadership qualities.
4. Provide Grade Transcript.
5. Provide 2 letters of references from adults who know of your activities or your academic achievements. Preferably non-family associates.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE: _____