



# 2025 Scholarship Application

**YQCA** | **YOUTH** FOR THE  
**QUALITY CARE**  
**ANIMALS**

## Scholarship Requirements & Eligibility

In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must be a high school senior up to 21 years of age. As a high school senior, the essay question regarding your future plans to enter the agriculture industry or commitment to a university will be considered for eligibility. If you are selected, you must provide proof of enrollment to receive the award.

If you are a high school graduate, you must be currently enrolled in a 2-4 year university agriculture program or enrolled in a certification program to meet the scholarship requirements. If selected, scholarship funds will be sent directly to your school.

Below is a checklist of what you need to provide with your application as well as examples of how to meet the qualification. You must attach just one form of proof for each category.

- Fillable PDF Application**
  - Including Demographics & Essay Questions
  
- High School Graduate Option 1: Proof of Enrollment in Agriculture Major/Career Path**
  - The following are accepted documentation to verify enrollment, certification, or employment in an agriculture field. Please provide one of the following, we suggest the preferred documentation. If that item is unavailable please use one of the other options.
    - Enrollment in a 2-4 year university/college agriculture program
    - Unofficial transcripts (Preferred)
    - Enrollment Verification Letter from Registrar's Office
    - Student ID with Term Stickers/Details
    - Class Schedule for 2025
  
- High School Graduate Option 2: Enrollment in a Certification Program**
  - Program acceptance/enrollment letter (Preferred)
  - Receipt of Tuition Payment
  - Certificate of Completion
  
- Unofficial Transcripts from High School/College**
  - 3.0 GPA requirement
  
- One Letter of Reference**
  - The letter can be from a teacher, mentor, college professor, coach, etc.

### Signature:

*I verify all the application requirements are included.*

## Application

*Please enter your full legal name as it appears on official documents.*

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Date of Birth**

**Email Address**

*Provide the email address associated with your YQCA account. We will use this email address to contact you regarding your application status and any follow-up information.*

**Home Address**

*Enter your permanent home address, including street, city, state, and zip code. This helps verify any regional eligibility requirements.*

**Grade/Year in College**

*Select your current grade or year in college (e.g., high school senior, college freshman, etc.). This ensures you meet the scholarship's educational level requirements.*

**Current School/College**

*List the name of your high school, college, or program. This helps us confirm your enrollment in an eligible institution.*

**Livestock Program**

*Indicate if you participate in a livestock program (e.g., 4-H, FFA) and provide a brief description if applicable. This information helps us understand your background and experience in agriculture.*

## Qualifications

### YQCA Certification

- As of May 1, 2025, do you have an active Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification?
- If yes, attach any available documentation for that certificate.

### Previous YQCA Certifications

- Have you received a YQCA certification in the previous two years (2023 & 2024)?
- If yes, list the years of those past certifications and attach any available documentation.

### Career Path and Enrollment in Agriculture

- Are you planning to pursue a major or career in an agriculture-related field, such as trade or agricultural studies?
- You must provide proof of enrollment in an eligible program with this application. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to your school.

### Previous Scholarship Awards

- Have you received a YQCA scholarship before?

Note: Students can only receive this scholarship once.

## Essay Question #1: Your Agriculture Story

This essay is worth 25 points. Please limit your response to a 200 word count maximum.

Please tell us your agriculture story. Describe your agricultural experiences, including any work on a family farm, involvement in agricultural organizations, or industry connections.

## Essay Question #2: Future Plans in Agriculture

This question is worth 25 points. Please limit your response to a 200 word count maximum.

What are your future plans within the agriculture industry? What is your major/course of study and why was it chosen? What do you hope to do following graduation/completion of this program of study as it relates to agriculture? How will this scholarship help?

## Essay Question #3: Applying YQCA Knowledge

This question is worth 25 points. Please limit your response to a 200 word count maximum.

What knowledge have you gained from your experience in the YQCA program, and how have you applied it in your life? Please describe how it has influenced your background or given you experiences that relate to agriculture.

## Essay Question #4: Leadership

This question is worth 25 points. Please limit your response to a 200 word count maximum.

Please describe any leadership roles you've taken at the county, state, or national level.