

**HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**WEST CENTRAL AG SALES ASSOCIATION**

(For High School Seniors Only)

**Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must live in the West Central Ag Sales Association trade areas, or plan to attend college in the trade areas.

The trade area is defined as:

- Hwy 14 on the south
- Interstate 94 to Hwy 27 on the north
- Hwy 15 on the east
- Minnesota border on the west

Applicants for the High School scholarship must be accepted at a college majoring in an Agriculture program (one-year, two-year, or four-year program). Scholarships will be awarded after proof of enrollment and during the first semester of college. Scholarship winners are not eligible for a second award. If you would like an electronic (Microsoft Word) version of the application, email Kim Tensen at kim.tensen@ridgewater.edu

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Are You Working? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where and for how many hours per week? \_\_\_\_\_

College you will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_ (attach a current transcript please)

Your planned major area of study or program at your college: \_\_\_\_\_

Give a brief statement as to how you will be financing your educational experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Your hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List your high school activities and organizations of which you have been a member. (Indicate if you were an officer)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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List community activities and organizations of which you have been a member and indicate how you participated:

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(OVER)

List your goals following graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attach a one-page essay on why you feel you should receive a West Central Ag Sales Association scholarship and describe your commitment to working in the agriculture industry.

Please have two references of a professional stature complete the enclosed personal reference form. These individuals must return the form to the address noted on the form.

**RETURN APPLICATION TO:**

West Central Ag Sales Association, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1702, Willmar, MN 56201

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**Scholarship Application Checklist:**

- Completed Application
- High School Transcript
- Essay
- Two Reference Letters

Application will not be considered if items are missing from the application.

**WEST CENTRAL AG SALES ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP**  
**Personal Reference for (Name of Applicant) \_\_\_\_\_**

**A. Intellectual Ability and Achievements**

1. How would you rate the applicant as to academic ability and motivation?

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Speech						

3. Is the academic record a true index of the student's ability, or have outside circumstances affected achievement?  
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**B. Character and Personality**

1. In making the following ratings, please keep in mind that they will be used to compare this student with other very capable students. Please make them as realistic as you can in comparison with other college preparatory students whom you have known. We recognize that you may not be able to rate with the precision implied by "top 2 or 3 percent"; the figures are rough guides only.

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L. Respect Accorded by Classmates						
M. Respect Accorded by Faculty						

2. My overall recommendation of this applicant for a WCASA scholarship:

\_\_\_\_ Not Recommended \_\_\_\_ Without Enthusiasm \_\_\_\_ Fairly Strongly \_\_\_\_ Strongly \_\_\_\_ Enthusiastically

Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

(Continue on back of necessary)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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