



## VISTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL FFA EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE 2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Calling all 2024 Vista Ridge High School FFA Members! The Vista Ridge FFA Alumni is committed to promoting excellence in education while enhancing the opportunity for youth to seek higher education. We are excited to announce that this year we will be awarding scholarships to 4 deserving individuals!

**2 College Bound Students Will Each Receive a \$1,000 Scholarship**

**2 Trade School Students Will Each Receive a \$500 Scholarship**

**Purpose:** The *Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship* will be awarded to 4 graduating 2024 Seniors in recognition of their outstanding achievements by assisting the graduates with the costs of ongoing education at a college or trade school of their choice.

### **What is the Process?**

**STEP 1:** To meet the criteria to be considered for a scholarship, you must check all 6 boxes below. Only FFA Members who have paid their annual dues can apply. First you will need to submit the following 3 items: Application, Transcript, and FFA Achievements. **All 3 of these items must be printed and submitted in person to Mrs. Marcuse by March 22, 2024 by 4:00pm.**

- FFA Member-** You must be a current FFA Member and have paid your dues.
- Application-** Applications must be completed in black or blue ink or typed. Your response to each question should be clear and concise. Once you have completed the application, please print and submit to Mrs. Marcuse. Please make sure you fill out the correct application. There is one marked “College” and one marked “Trade”. All applications must be received by 4:00pm on March 22, 2024. No applications or transcripts will be accepted past the deadline.
- Transcript-** Applicants must print and submit a current Vista Ridge High School Transcript with your application. You can obtain this by emailing your counselor. Your application is considered incomplete without a transcript and your application **WILL NOT** be considered.
- FFA Achievements-** Applicants will have the opportunity to share their academic accomplishments and experience that makes them uniquely worthy of this scholarship including FFA offices held, outstanding achievements, awards, leadership activities, and team participation events such as CDE’s and LDE’s.

**All Applications, Transcripts, and Achievement Documents must be PRINTED and Submitted to Mrs. Marcuse by March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm. No late entries will be accepted!!**

**STEP 2:** The next step in the process is to come to the Ag Room on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> after school. You will write an essay followed by an interview by a panel of judges. You must wear interview appropriate attire or OD. This is the only day that the essay and interviews will take place, so please adjust your schedule accordingly.

- **Essay-** Applicants will be given a writing prompt and will write (not type) an essay to be evaluated based on their response. The written essay will be given before the interview in the Ag classroom on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. You will have one hour to complete the essay.
- **In Person Interview-** Once you have completed your essay, applicants will then begin the interview process in front of a panel of judges whom you have never met on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> after school. **\*\*Please note that Official Dress or interview attire is required.**

*We understand that some of you have extracurricular activities to attend. We will do our best to prioritize your interview time slot to accommodate these after school activities. Please contact Amy Tobias or Rhi Pfullman so we can make arrangements. Should you need any other special accommodations or questions for any portion of the application process, please contact one of the Scholarship Committee Chairs:*

Amy Tobias at [amy\\_tobias@apple.com](mailto:amy_tobias@apple.com)  
Rhi Pfullman at [rpfullman@yahoo.com](mailto:rpfullman@yahoo.com)

## **How are the Applicants Scored?**

### **SCORING ELEMENTS**

Scoring will be made up of 5 elements for a total of 125 possible points.

#### **Academic Achievement - Maximum of 15 Points**

The applicant will receive up to 15 points for their GPA.

#### **Agriculture Science & Career Related Instruction - Maximum of 15 points**

The applicant will receive one point for each semester of high school coursework successfully completed.

#### **FFA Achievements - Maximum of 60 Points**

The applicant will receive up to 48 points for Leadership Activities  
(Taken from parts A, B, C, & D on the application)

The applicant will receive up to 12 points for SAE programs (Taken from part E)

#### **Interview and Essay - Maximum of 35 Points**

The applicant will receive up to 15 points for the interview.

The applicant will receive up to 20 points for the essay.

We believe in the FFA program, in rewarding excellence, in pursuing ongoing education, and most importantly, in you, our graduates. Therefore, we encourage all graduating senior FFA members to apply. Good luck to each of you!

~ The Vista Ridge FFA Alumni

*Recipients will be announced at the Senior Honors Banquet on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*