

Rotary Club of York, PA

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DATE: February 10, 2021
TO: York County High School Guidance Departments
RE: Rotary Club of York John T. and Paige S. Smith Agricultural Scholarship

The Rotary Club of York is pleased to offer the **John T. and Paige S. Smith Scholarship** to your students who plan to major in the AGRICULTURAL field to be awarded Spring 2021 for the 2021-2022 academic year. This \$ 3,000 scholarship is based on academics and participation in agricultural activities. We ask that you **encourage any of your students who qualify to apply for this scholarship.** The Student Education Committee will review all applications received and select students to be interviewed for the scholarship.

The following **criteria** are applicable for the **Smith Scholarship**:

1. The scholarship is for the academic year beginning August 2021.
2. It is a one-time award of \$ 3,000 and the check is payable to the Educational Institution.
3. It is open to students attending York County High Schools who plan to major in the Agricultural Field.
4. This scholarship is awarded based on academics and participation in **agricultural** activities, with need as a secondary factor.
5. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, or national origin.
6. An evening interview with the Rotary Club of York Student Education Committee will be required and scheduled at the convenience of the committee.
7. The Rotary Club of York Student Scholarship Program and the Whiteley Student Educational Loan Program are not mutually exclusive.
8. If the student withdraws from the college or university, the scholarship (based on per cent refunded) shall be returned to the Rotary Club of York by the university as usual policy

The current application form and informational letter are available on the Rotary Club of York website, www.yorkrotary.org. From the home page, select "Resources" tab, "Forms and Documents", and then select "SCHOLARSHIPS" and "2021 Smith Agriculture Scholarship". From there you can open the corresponding informational letter and download the application. The 2021 dated scholarship application is the *only* acceptable application. Please complete the application, print, sign and return the application with all requested documentation to the Rotary Club of York, c/o American Red Cross, 724 South George Street, York PA 17401 **BEFORE the March 31 deadline.** Handwritten applications are not acceptable. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications received after the March 31 deadline will NOT be accepted. Please factor in the US Postal Service and their recent delays and backlogs due to the pandemic.

We would appreciate your help in selecting students to apply for this 2021 scholarship to honor our former Rotarian, John Smith, who made his bequest to help students attain their educational goals and further York County Agriculture.

If a student from your school receives a scholarship, a representative from the school will be invited to attend a Wednesday Rotary Club of York club meeting with the student and parent(s) for the award presentation. If you have any questions regarding the Kahley scholarship, please contact Renea Oberdick, Student Education Administrator, at officeassist@yorkrotary.org. The building is closed due to the pandemic. Access to the building, including the office telephone and answering machine, is extremely limited. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Diane Merino

Diane C. Merino
Student Education Funds Committee Chair

JOHN T. AND PAIGE S. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

The Smith Scholarship was established in 2013 through the John T. and Paige S. Smith Fund at the York County Community Foundation. This scholarship has a preference for students studying Agriculture, in honor of Mr. Smith's dedication to the York Fair, York County Penn State Extension Office, York County Agriculture programs and The Pennsylvania State University.

John Smith was a graduate of Penn State University College of Agricultural Science, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science. John served as Agricultural County Agent in several Counties in Pennsylvania, and in York County for more than 31 years. He was a member of the Agricultural County Agents Association, Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries, York County Agricultural Business Council, the Farmers Forum and a Life member of the York County Agricultural Society. Mr. Smith dedicated his life to agriculture and education and was a member of the Rotary Club of York for more than 59 years. The first scholarship was awarded in 2015.