

# BLACK DIRT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## 2018 Scholarship Application

---

### SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

#### *Description*

The Black Dirt Scholarship Fund awards three annual scholarships of \$1,500 each to students who have demonstrated a commitment to and involvement in community volunteer service or community work experience. Scholarships will be awarded to those applicants who have chosen to pursue careers in one of three categories that reflect not only the history of Pine Island, but also its ever growing cosmopolitan population:

1) Agricultural/Equestrian Studies 2) Culinary Arts/Hospitality Industry 3) Other College Majors

The Pine Island Chamber of Commerce sponsors the scholarships, which are funded with a portion of the proceeds from the Annual Black Dirt Feast.

#### *Eligibility*

Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Warwick, New York, and either a high school senior, who will graduate in June, 2018, or a student at any stage of a post-secondary education at an accredited educational facility. Applicant must demonstrate a commitment to and involvement in community volunteer service or community work experience. Applicant must be in good academic standing and show evidence of having achieved a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 (or equivalent). Previous applicants may re-apply for consideration, however prior scholarship winners are not eligible.

#### *Amount of Scholarships*

Three scholarships of \$1,500 each:

1) Agricultural/Equestrian Studies 2) Culinary Arts/Hospitality Industry 3) Other College Majors

#### *Procedure*

Submit an essay of not more than 1,000 words, that answers the following request: "Looking toward the future, describe how you would define a successful individual." Provide a personal résumé of community volunteer service, club memberships with positions held, employment history, extracurricular activities, sports, scholastic activities, and awards/honors received. Submit three letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, or other person of significance not related to you. Include a copy of your transcript from the guidance department or college registrar. All materials requested, including the essay, must be handed in to the high school guidance department. Residents attending high schools or colleges outside Warwick must mail application materials directly to the following address:

**Pine Island Chamber of Commerce, Black Dirt Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 354, Pine Island, NY 10969.**

#### *Application Deadline*

All materials must be submitted to the high school guidance department, or postmarked (if mailed to the above address) no later than **Monday, April 23, 2018.**

#### *Requirements*

Winning applicants agree to receive their awards, as guests of the Chamber, at a Pine Island Chamber of Commerce meeting or event on or before September 1, 2018 where they will be asked to speak briefly about their career plans. In addition they must agree to keep the Pine Island Chamber of Commerce informed about their progress, upon completing their first (or next) semester at the post-secondary educational facility of their choice.

---

The mission of the Pine Island Chamber of Commerce, which was founded in 1961, is to promote prosperity in the business community, support and enhance the uniqueness of the region, and to enrich the lives of all our residents through community spirit and cooperation.



# BLACK DIRT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*2018 Scholarship Application*

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Post secondary education school you expect to attend or are currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Course of study you are pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of high school or college: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone no. of current high school or college: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide the name of student's parent(s)/guardian(s):*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Application must be accompanied by the following materials:*

- 1. Transcript from guidance department or college registrar
- 2. Personal résumé
- 3. Three letters of recommendation
- 4. Essay

## **Applicant Certification**

I certify that I am a resident of the Town of Warwick and that I have met the eligibility requirements of the application. I agree that, if I am selected as a Black Dirt Scholarship recipient, I will attend and speak at a Pine Island Chamber of Commerce meeting or event after completing my first semester at the post-secondary educational facility of my choice, and that I am pursuing a career in Agricultural/Equestrian Studies; the Culinary Arts/Hospitality Industry; or another College Major. I also agree to attend a Pine Island Chamber meeting or event on or before September 1, 2018 and speak about my educational and career plans.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature



Pine Island Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 354, Pine Island NY • <http://pineislandny.com>

# BLACK DIRT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*2018 Scholarship Application*

Potential Fields of Study

---

## AGRICULTURAL STUDY

Animal & Marine Sciences  
Canine, Feline and Veterinary Science  
Dairy, Livestock and Equine Science  
Small Animal and Marine Science  
Herpetology and Avian Science  
Farm and Livestock Management  
Marine Science  
Research Animal Technology  
Veterinary Science  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Animal Nutrition and Genetics  
Agricultural Business Management  
Natural Resources and the Environment  
Horticulture  
Landscape Operations  
Urban Forestry  
Turf Management  
Natural Resources  
Landscape Management  
Floriculture/Ornamental Horticulture  
Botany and Soils  
Plant Health Care  
Plant Materials  
Machinery & Equipment Management  
Welding Fabrication  
Construction Systems  
Diesel Engines & Hydraulics  
Facilities Repair & Construction  
Equipment Components  
Practical Electronics  
Four-Cycle Engine Certification  
Alternative Energy Systems  
Biotechnology  
Biomass Energy Development  
Hydroponic Systems  
Green Energy Systems  
(solar, wind, tidal, geothermal, etc.)

## CULINARY ARTS

Intercultural Communication  
Public Speaking  
Culinary Math  
Basic Food Skills  
Sanitation and Safety  
Breakfast Cookery  
Lunch Cookery  
Nutrition in the Culinary Arts  
Storeroom and Purchasing  
Operations  
Dining Room  
Baking Skills  
Dining Room  
Patisserie  
Garde Manger/Charcuterie  
Meat and Seafood  
American Regional Cuisine  
Classical Cuisine  
Advanced Dining Room  
Beer, Wines & Spirits  
International Cuisine

## HOSPITALITY

Hospitality Training  
Hotel/Restaurant Management  
Food Service Management  
Food Technology & Dining Services  
Private Club Management

## EQUESTRIAN STUDIES

Animal Biotechnology  
Animal Science-Equine Studies  
Animal Technology Horse Management  
Business Admin-Equine Management  
Communication for the Equine Industry  
Comparative and Experimental Medicine  
Equine Assisted Growth and Development  
Equine Business Management  
Equine Facility Management  
Equine Health & Complementary Therapies  
Equine Healthcare  
Equine Industries  
Equine Law  
Equine Nutrition  
Equine Production and Management  
Equine Science  
Equine Stud Farm Management  
Equine Studies  
Equine Veterinary Medicine  
Equine Medical Research  
Farm and Ranch Management  
Farrier Science and Business  
Horse Husbandry  
Horse Management  
Horse Science Technology  
Horse Training and Management  
Natural Horsemanship  
Riding Instruction and Training  
Therapeutic Riding  
Veterinary Assistant  
Veterinary Pharmaceuticals  
Veterinary Technician  
Wilderness Horsemanship