

January 15, 2019

To All Guidance Counselors:

Enclosed is the 2019 Whiteside County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship application. This scholarship was designed to assist our members' children in furthering their education. Many of our members do not have children who are high school or college aged, so we have expanded the scholarship to include any student who is a resident of Whiteside County that is pursuing a degree that is agriculturally related.

Any student who is a child or grandchild of a member can apply no matter what their field of study is.

Enclosed is application and qualifications that went out to our members. It contains all the guidelines and contact information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Wetzell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Wetzell

President

Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a resident of Whiteside County; a high school senior, or enrolled full time in a post high school educational program.
- Applicant must be pursuing a two or four year degree in an Ag related field or, must have a parent or guardian that is a member of the Whiteside County Cattlemen's Association (if pursuing any other field of study)

Instructions:

- Applicant must submit the following three items:
 - Applicant Bio. Including:
 - Name
 - Address
 - High school attended and year of graduation
 - College/University planning to attend and program of study
 - Parents/guardians name
 - # of siblings
 - High school activities
 - Community Involvement
 - Reason for choosing area of study in 50 words or less
 - An original essay on: "Today's consumers are looking for their food to be from sustainable resources. Do you feel that today's Beef production is sustainable? Why or why not? What practices would you implement to improve sustainability?" This should be a reflection of your opinion after gathering facts from both sides. Essay will be judged on how you present and defend your position on the subject.
 - Essay should be approximately 500 words
 - Typed and Double-spaced
 - All quotes and facts properly referenced (works cited needed APA/MLA)
 - A letter of recommendation from a non-family individual
- All three items, Bio, Essay, and Letter should be sent to
 - Eric Benson
 - 12044 Sawyer Road
 - Morrison, Il 61270
- Applications must be received by ***March 17, 2019***