

# Timothy H. Gifford Memorial Scholarship Fund

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## GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

Graduating high school seniors and other recent high school graduates pursuing an agricultural or mechanically related major at any two- or four-year college are encouraged to apply for the \$1,500 Timothy H. Gifford Memorial Scholarship.

### Applicant Eligibility

- High school graduation date of June 2012 or earlier
- Must intend to major in an agricultural or mechanical program
- Special consideration will be given to former/present members of a 4-H program or applicants with a background in farming, although all are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants that have received this scholarship in a previous year may not reapply.

### Application Checklist

- Complete application: Sections A through D
- Official school transcripts
- Letter of recommendation
- Acceptance letter from selected two- or four-year college (if applicable)
- Complete responses to all questions and essays
- Applicant and parent/guardian signature, if applicant is under 18 years

The Timothy H. Gifford Memorial Scholarship Fund guidelines and application are accessible by visiting the Washington and Rensselaer Counties 4-H Youth Development, Teens, websites at [http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/washington/4-H/CCEWash\\_Youth\\_4\\_H.html](http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/washington/4-H/CCEWash_Youth_4_H.html) and <http://www.ccerensselaer.org/4H-Youth-Development/Teens.aspx>, respectively. Applications can also be requested directly from the Timothy H. Gifford Memorial Scholarship Committee by e-mailing [THG.Scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:THG.Scholarship@gmail.com).

### Selection Process

The Timothy H. Gifford Memorial Scholarship recipient will be determined by a committee chosen by the Gifford Family.

### Important Deadlines

- All materials (see checklist) must be **postmarked** by May 1, 2012.
- All applicants will receive formal notification by June 15, 2012.

### Mailing Instructions

Timothy H. Gifford Memorial Scholarship Fund  
30 Berkshire Drive  
Troy, NY 12180

Questions can be sent to [THG.Scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:THG.Scholarship@gmail.com). A member of the committee will return your e-mail. Failure to meet the application requirements warrants exclusion.

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## APPLICATION FORM

The committee will select a winner for the Timothy H. Gifford Memorial Scholarship using the following selection criteria: complete application (see checklist), applicant showing demonstrated personal growth and development through a 4-H program and/or from their farming background, academic record, financial need, and applicant having a sense of direction in future educational goals in the area of agriculture and/or mechanical programs.

<b>SECTION A: Applicant Information</b>		
Name: _____		
Address: _____	City: _____	State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____	E-mail: _____	
Gender (M/F): _____	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): _____	Age (as of January 1, 2012): _____
University/College: _____	Expected Major: _____	
University/College Address: _____	City: _____	State/Zip: _____
<i>If applicable:</i>		
Name of 4-H Group: _____		
County your 4-H Group is located in: _____		
<b>Academic Verification</b>		
This is to certify that _____ (student name) did graduate or plans to graduate from _____ (high school name) on _____ (mm/dd/yy). He/she has a GPA of _____ out of _____.		
_____ Administrator/Guidance Counselor Signature	_____ Title	_____ Date
_____ Phone Number		

### Agreement and Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature, if applicant under 18.

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am selected as the scholarship winner, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in the committee requesting repayment of the scholarship fund. Permission is given to the committee to utilize information provided in the scholarship application for promotional and educational purposes, at their discretion.

For Sections B through D on page 2, please type responses in a separate document and include as attachments to the completed application.

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## **SECTION B: Leadership and Development**

1. List any honors you have won.
2. List your high school extra-curricular activities.
3. List any community organizations you belong to.
4. List your interests and hobbies.
5. Tell of your responsibilities to your family or community outside employment.

## **SECTION C: Brief Essay – Please limit your response to ½ (half) a page for each question.**

1. What in your 4-H or farming background would make you a good candidate for Timothy H. Gifford Memorial Scholarship? What did you experience, learn, value?
2. What are your educational and career goals? What impact has 4-H and/or farming had on your educational, career, or personal goals?

## **SECTION D: Financial Information Questions**

1. What have you done to date to help finance your college education? What do you intend to do during college to finance your education?

## **OTHER ATTACHMENTS:**

**Official transcripts:** Attach a copy of your most recent high school transcript . Allow your school/s plenty of time to process your transcript request. If your school must send your transcripts directly to the scholarship committee, please note that on your application. Transcripts must be official.

**Letter of Recommendation:** Attach a recommendation letter from someone with knowledge of your background and personal goals in agriculture and/or mechanics outside your immediate family (i.e. 4-H leader, employer, or neighbor).