

# Scholarship Rules & Guidelines

## **Stark Co. Cattlemen's Association**

### **Distinguished Youth & Continuing Education Awards**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Stark Co. Cattlemen's Association (SCCA) is to promote the beef industry in Stark Co. SCCA's goals, as they relate to the Beef Industry, are to: 1) Provide services for our Membership; 2) Educate and promote a positive image to the Public; 3) Assist and guide Youth.

One way SCCA addresses its youth goal is to award annual educational scholarships in 2 categories:

- **Distinguished Youth Beef Awards** – An award of \$1,000 each to two (2) individuals who have excelled in the beef industry and plan to pursue a post high school education in any field of study.
- **Continuing Education** – An award of \$1,000, this scholarship given to one (1) Stark Co. student with preference given to someone, maybe any level of college, taking advanced studies in food, agriculture or environmental sciences.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Application for these scholarships is open to any Stark County youth who has exhibited a Beef related project (Market Steer, Beef Breeding, Beef and/or Dairy Beef Feeder, Veal) for a minimum of 3 years at the Stark County Fair.

#### **Distinguished Youth**

- Applicants are to be either a graduating high school senior or an enrolled college student who is not yet 19 as of January 1st of the current year.
- Applicants must be enrolled or plan to enroll at an accredited College or University in pursuit of a 2 or 4 year degree in any field of study.
- Applicants MUST BE in their LAST year of eligibility for showing projects at the fair.

#### **Continuing Education**

- Applicants are to have met the above Beef Project eligibility and preference giving to someone pursuing advanced studies in food, agriculture or environmental sciences.
- Applicants must be enrolled or plan to enroll at an accredited College or University with preference given in pursuit of a Masters, PhD., or Dr. of Veterinary Medicine.
- Post Graduates may apply for the scholarship for as many years as they are involved in Post Graduate work.
- In the selection process extra weight will be given to students in Veterinary Medicine or Beef Science.

**NOTE:** Both Distinguished Youth and Continuing Education applicants will be evaluated on Junior Fair, 4-H, FFA activities and/or achievements, involvement with school or community organizations, scholastic performance and a personal statement. The above information must be documented on the application form (see attached). The applicant may be requested to come before an evaluation committee for final selection.

#### **Award Presentation**

The awards will be announced and presented prior to the Steer Sale at the Stark County Fair. All applicants are strongly encouraged to be in attendance.

#### **Deadline for Application**

The SCCA Distinguished Youth & Continuing Education Application Form must be **completed and mailed to Vonda Snyder, 5801 Kemary Ave SW, Navarre, Ohio 44662 or given to a SCCA director by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**