

2023 MonDak Area Stockgrowers Application

The MonDak Area Stockgrowers will offer up to \$3000 in college scholarships to students in Dawson, Richland, Wibaux, or Roosevelt County, MT; Golden Valley, McKenzie, or Williams County, ND. Applicants may be 2023 high school graduates or past graduates currently enrolled in college. Preference will be given for 2 - \$1000 scholarships (one high school graduate and one current college student) and 2-\$500 scholarships (one high school graduate and one current college student). Students are eligible to receive the scholarship once at the high school level and once at the college level.

Applicants are required to submit a typed application by **April 15, 2023**. The typed applications will be graded blind (without judges knowing the students' names). The top three to five scholarship candidates may be brought in for an interview to determine the scholarship award levels. Interviews will be conducted mid-May. Applicants will be notified by May 20 if they are being scheduled for an interview. Recipients of the scholarships will be asked to attend the MonDak Area Stockgrowers Meeting in the spring of 2023.

The scholarship process will be evaluated in five categories of varying importance. A full grading rubric is available in the application packet. The most impressive applicants will demonstrate the following in their application and in the personal interview process:

- **Future potential positive impact on the agriculture industry & rural communities**
- **Strong community involvement, volunteering & leadership**
- **Current agricultural involvement, interest & leadership**
- **Clearly established educational & career goals**
- **Satisfactory academic achievement**

Please type your application. An electronic form is available.

This portion of the application will be removed by the scholarship committee before the rest of the application is submitted for judging. The written application will be judged blind (without knowing who the applicant is), so please do not write your name or family name anywhere else on the application.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

College Grade Level (in Fall 2023): _____

Please mark if you qualify as: High School Senior _____ College Student: _____

Please attach a photo of you with the application. Photos will be used to publicize the scholarship and congratulate the winners.

Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2023 and sent to:

MonDak Area Stockgrowers
Attn: Marley Manoukian
1499 N Central Ave
Sidney, MT 59270

Student Signature: _____

Educational Background/Plans

GPA: _____ ACT Score: _____

College Attending: _____

College Address: _____

Intended Major/Minor: _____

Proposed Occupation upon College Graduation: _____

1. Agriculture Involvement & Leadership

Discuss how you are currently involved in agriculture and share how you have demonstrated leadership or interest in the agriculture industry (150-300 words).

2. Community Involvement Investment & Leadership

Discuss your extracurricular activities, leadership roles in school and in the community, honors or awards earned in school or the community, and ways you have volunteered in your county and contributed to your community (150-300 words).

3. Educational & Career Goals

Discuss your short term (1-2 years) and long term (3-5 years) educational goals. Discuss your long term (5-10 years) career goals (150-300 words).

4. Impact on the Future of Agriculture

Describe how your education, career goals and life goals will have a positive impact on the future of agriculture and rural communities (500-750 words). Attach additional pages if necessary.

MonDak Area Stockgrowers Scholarship Grading Rubric:

Evaluation Area/Judges' Comments & Notes	Points Possible	Points Awarded
The student demonstrates an interest and plan to have a positive impact on the future of agriculture & rural communities	30	
The student has taken an active role in the agriculture industry or vocational interests and has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the industry.	20	
The student is engaged in our community as a volunteer and leader. These traits have had and will continue to positively impact rural communities.	15	
The student has clearly established education and career goals.	20	
Application: The written application is complete, typed, in general neat and free of error and submitted on time. // Interview: The interviewee was professional, attentive and engaged in the conversation and interview process.	10	
Academic Achievement: GPA, ACT	5	
TOTAL	100	