

Daily Farms Memorial Scholarship

The family of C. Edmund and Marcella M. Daily announce the establishment of the Daily Farms Scholarship, available to graduates of ALAH High School. All students expecting to graduate are eligible to apply, though preference will be shown to students who express an interest in pursuing college studies in agriculture.

Edmund and Marcella were long-time residents of the Arthur area prior to their deaths in 1995. Both received degrees from the University of Illinois in 1935, Edmund in agriculture and Marcella in liberal arts and sciences. Edmund was an Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity member and Marcella belonged to Beta Phi Alpha sorority. After college, Edmund served as a farm manager for Prudential Insurance Company. They were both members of the University of Illinois Alumni Association and were active in their local church where Marcella was a pianist, organist, and a choir member for many years. In addition, Edmund served as a trustee on the church board.

Both were also active in numerous community organizations. Marcella was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Arthur Garden Club. Edmund was a Rotary member and also served on the local school board, the board of Arthur Home, and on the Illinois Grain Board. Edmund received the Master Farmer award, sponsored by Prairie Farmer magazine. Both Edmund and Marcella loved to travel, both in the U.S. and abroad.

Their son, John E. Daily, and his wife Sharon live in Arthur where they are active community members. John also received a degree in agriculture from the University of Illinois and Sharon is a graduate of Decatur Memorial Nursing School. John farmed for many years with his father and recently retired from active work on the farm. John and Sharon's three daughters, Deanne, Jane, and Beth, all attended college after high school. John and Sharon have five grandchildren.

Edmund and Marcella's daughter, Deborah D. Rooney, currently resides in Sugar Grove, Illinois, with her husband Mike, who is an attorney. Her two daughters, Pamela and Stacy, live in Lake Forest, IL and Elburn, IL, respectively and all three also attended college following graduation from high school. Debbie has two grandchildren.

The Daily Farms Scholarship is intended to honor Edmund and Marcella Daily and their commitment to agriculture and to the greater agricultural community. The family intends that Edmund's and Marcella's commitment to learning and to a wide variety of community activities will be honored and carried on by recipients of the scholarship. Although it is not required that recipients have studied agriculture in high school, nor that recipients intend to pursue a degree in agriculture in college, preference may be shown to such applicants.

The \$2,000 Daily Farms Scholarship is established in honor and memory of C. Edmund and Marcella M. Daily by their children and grandchildren. Recipient must provide proof of enrollment/class schedule before scholarship is granted.

To be considered interested applicants should submit a typed application by April 18 to the ALAH Counseling Department that includes:

1. Name, Address, Phone number
2. GPA, Class Rank, and Extracurricular activities including work and community involvement
3. 2 Letters of Recommendation (one from a teacher and one from a character reference)
4. Personal statement regarding college plans, career path and why you've chosen your field of study and college you're attending (no more than 250 words)



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