

THE BOYD AND JOAN WALLBROWN AGRICULTURE INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND

What you should know about the Boyd & Joan Wallbrown Agriculture Innovation Scholarship

In 1959, at the age of 29, Boyd Wallbrown Jr. and his wife Joan purchased a 93-acre farm in Deerfield, Ohio. Starting with nothing but the land and youthful ambition, Boyd and Joan began their journey by raising hogs and corn. Boyd was innovative, willing to take risks, and willing to sail into the uncharted waters of cutting-edge agricultural methods and technologies. He embraced progressive concepts such as no-till planting, liquid fertilizers, and steel bins for grain storage. In the 1960's, he took the next step by founding Deerfield Farms Service Inc. Throughout the early years, Joan taught elementary school as a means to support the family.

The fledgling business sold Circle Brand grain bins and liquid fertilizers, and offered a custom application service for its fertilizer products. Excellence in customer service was emphasized, and the business formula was successful. Intellectual curiosity was one of Boyd's hallmark characteristics. He was always willing and eager to teach others and to learn from others. As Boyd's business partner, Joan established and maintained administrative systems and did much of the bookkeeping. Always with an eye on quality and control.

Unfortunately, Boyd met an untimely death in 1991 due to a tragic accident, but he has left a grand legacy to his family, Portage County, and the entire agricultural community of Ohio. The original 93-acre farm now encompasses 3500 acres. In 2017 Deerfield Farms Service became Deerfield Ag Services and continues to thrive and now has over 70 employees in four locations. Boyd Wallbrown had a dream many years ago. Today, under the continuing leadership and innovation of the Wallbrown family, that dream has come to fruition.

*To honor the memory of Boyd and Joan their four children have established the **Boyd and Joan Wallbrown Agriculture-Innovation Scholarship** that will be awarded annually to a person or persons choosing to pursue college level studies that will lead to a career in agricultural production, crop production or livestock/farm animals.*

Recipients of the Boyd and Joan Wallbrown Agriculture-Innovation Scholarship will be chosen with the hope and expectation that they too can contribute and lead in an innovative way in the agricultural profession.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

A scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be enrolled in a two-year technical school or a four year undergraduate college program in the study of production agriculture or farm management. Applicants will be either high school seniors or already in college. Current recipients can reapply for the scholarship the following year.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application should be neatly handwritten or typed and filled out completely. The Portage Foundation is administering the scholarship.

Return the application to:

The Portage Foundation
138 East Main St.
Kent, OH 44240

Please contact Linda Fergason, Executive Director, The Portage Foundation with any questions or concerns – 330-474-0480

APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 31ST

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Requirements: The scholarship recipient must:

1. Be in their senior year and a candidate for graduation from high school or vocational school or already enrolled in a two year or four-year undergraduate college program. Prior recipients may apply for subsequent years.
2. Have plans to pursue a higher education degree with the following focus(es)
 - Agricultural production
 - Research/development in agriculture production
 - Crop production
 - Livestock/farm animals
 - Agriculture engineering
 - Emphasis on innovation and agriculture production advances
3. Have full intent to attend, an accredited college or university, if not already enrolled, which normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly carried on for a course of study that will prepare them for a career.
4. Have timely prepared and filed the application and accompanying documents for this scholarship.
5. Have provided with their application two letters of recommendation: one from a current or former teacher, preferably one in the agriculture disciplines, and a letter of recommendation from a community member who is not a relative of the applicant.
6. Be available for a personal interview, if requested.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Criteria for Selection and information to be included with application for applicants who meet minimum requirements:

1. **Academic Achievement.** His/her class ranking, his/her grade point average, and the relative difficulty of his or her courses will show the applicant's prior academic achievement. Please provide information that addresses your academic achievement.
2. **Academic Potential.** The Applicant's academic potential will be demonstrated by his or her score on the ACT, SAT, or other national standardized test commonly used to select students for the applicant's planned course of study. Please provide information that addresses your academic potential.
3. **Financial Need.** The applicant's financial need will be considered and it will be measured by the cost of the education as compared to the applicant's financial resources. Please provide information that addresses your need of financial assistance.
4. **Community Service, School Citizenship, and Agriculture.** The applicant's commitment to his/her community and his/her school will be demonstrated by the applicant's service, citizenship, and involvement in extra-curricular activities. Please provide information that addresses your commitment to this area.
5. **Essay.** A brief essay (not to exceed one page, single spaced), expressing why you want to enter one or more of the vocational fields that are the focus of this scholarship.
6. **No Prejudice.** In making the selection, the committee shall not consider the applicant's race, age, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity or disabilities.
7. **No Relatives.** The scholarship shall not be awarded to applicants who are close relatives of any of the following: a donor to the fund, a member of the fund's scholarship selection committee, a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, an employee of the Foundation, or a close relative of any of the above individuals. For purposes of this paragraph, a "close relative" is a spouse, child, stepchild, parent, grandchild, sibling, first cousin, niece, nephew, aunt or uncle.

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee

1. The Committee will consist of representatives of the Foundation (or their designee) and representatives of Deerfield Farms Service, Inc.
2. The Foundation will be responsible to publicize the scholarships availability and explain the application process.
3. Donors, donors' designees, and related persons shall not control the selection process.
4. The Committee will recommend to the Foundation's Board of Trustees in the 2nd quarter of each year who should receive a scholarship(s). The Selection Committee will also recommend the number of scholarships and amount of each scholarship to the Foundation's Board of Trustees. The amount(s) of the scholarships shall comply with the Foundation's pay out policy.
5. The Foundation's Board of Trustees will award the scholarship or scholarships after considering the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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| Application Page 1 Complete | | Copy of Transcript | |
| Application Page 2 Complete | | Letter of Recommendation # 1 | |
| Application Page 3 Complete | | Letter of Recommendation # 2 | |
| Any Other Information You Would Like to Provide for Consideration (ACT, FAFSA, etc.) | | | |

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| Name: | | |
| Date of birth: | / / | SS#: |
| Home Phone: | Cell Phone: | |
| Address: | | |
| City: | State: | ZIP: |

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

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| Grades completed 1-12 () | Graduated (name of school): |
| Graduation Date: | |
| College completed 1-4 () | Name of College: |
| Date of enrollment: | |
| School you plan to attend (name of school): | |
| Date of enrollment: | |
| Areas of agriculture you plan to study: | |
| Experience you now have in agriculture: | |
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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| Father's name: | Occupation: | |
| Mother's name: | Occupation: | |
| Number of children in family: | Total number of children in school: | |
| Children in Grades 1-8: | Children in Grades 9-12: | Children in College: |

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

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| Do you qualify for state or federal student aid? Yes () No () | Have you applied for student aid? Yes () No () |
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BY YEAR

Please feel free to add an additional sheet if needed, to accommodate all of your information.

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