

November 24, 2020

Dear Guidance Counselor, Agriculture instructor, or Local Organization:

The Pearl City Elevator is proud to sponsor the 'Agriculture First' scholarship program. The company is supportive of the agriculture industry and thus the scholarship program has been created to improve and support the future of the agriculture industry.

Pearl City Elevator will award up to (3) three \$500 scholarships to qualifying students furthering their education in an agricultural field. Any high school senior graduating in 2021, pursuing a two or four-year degree in livestock production, crop production, or closely related agricultural field is eligible.

A scholarship application is enclosed. Please make copies for your interested students. Copies can be printed from our website [www.pce-coops.com](http://www.pce-coops.com). In addition, scholarship applications may be picked up at any of the company's following locations: Pearl City Elevator in Pearl City, McConnell Coop in McConnell, Dakota Coop in Dakota, Warren Coop in Warren, Baileyville Coop in Baileyville, Lena Coop in Lena and Alliance Nutrition or Alliance Commodities in Lena.

A few new things this year. We will be conducting a short zoom interview along with the essay starting this year. We will coordinate with the student and set up a time for the interview in January.

Also, we are giving the students the option to email their application and essay. The email is located on the application.

A school official must complete the lower section of the application. Applications must be postmarked or submitted by Monday January 11, 2021

Please feel free to contact me at 815-809-2667 if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Thomas  
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## 2021 Agriculture First Scholarship Application

### Eligibility:

- Student pursuing a two or four-year degree in livestock production, crop production, or closely related field.
- Student must be a high school senior graduating in 2021.

### Please Note:

- Applications from dependents of employees or directors of Pearl City Elevator Inc. are not eligible.
- Applications must be signed by a high school official, and postmarked by January 11, 2021.

### Description:

- \$500 scholarship awarded to high school seniors based on scholastic achievement, leadership in agriculture, and a perceived ability to contribute to the agricultural community in the future.

Student Name-Last, First, Middle .	Telephone Number .		
Mailing Address- .	City .	State .	Zip Code .
Name of Father/Guardian- .	Name of Mother/Guardian- .		
Address of Parent/ Guardian if different than student .	Telephone Number .		
High School .	City .	State .	Zip Code .
High School Counselor or Contact .	Phone .	e-mail .	
Intended College Major .	Intended College Name .		

### Please attach the following with your completed application:

1. Your most recent academic year's transcript.  
*(Please include class rank & GPA if possible.)*
2. Your most recent school photo. **PCE reserves the right to use photo with a press release if you are awarded this scholarship.**
3. A list of agricultural service, leadership, achievements and activities.  
*(Include school, 4-H, FFA, organizations, etc.)*
4. An essay entitled:  

"The Future of Agriculture: My Role"  
*The role I will play in the agriculture field that will help keep agriculture first in our community.*

### Information for submission:

Mail to address listed below.

E-mail to address listed below.

**Pearl City Elevator, Inc.**  
**Ag First Scholarship Committee**  
**PO Box 309**  
**Lena IL 61048**

OR

**Ag First Scholarship Committee**  
[pce@pce-coops.com](mailto:pce@pce-coops.com)

***Applications must be postmarked or submitted no later than January 11, 2021***

This is to certify that, \_\_\_\_\_ will be a graduating senior during the 2020-2021 school year from  
(Student Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School Name)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed) Date: \_\_\_\_\_