



## **International Plowing Match Legacy Agricultural Scholarship**

### **Scholarship Purpose**

The scholarship awards \$2,500 per year to one female and one male each who are attending a college or university in Canada to study in an agriculturally-related program. Examples of such programs include agricultural sciences, agri-business, agri-tourism, nutrition, earth sciences and food sciences. The scholarship is provided as a result of the generous support of legacy funds from the 2010 International Plowing Match hosted in Elgin County.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a resident of the County of Elgin or the City of St. Thomas;
- Be enrolled and have completed at least one year in a post-secondary institution in Canada with an appropriate accredited curriculum and studying in a discipline related to agriculture;
- Agree to have his or her name and photograph publicized.

### **Supporting Documentation**

Applicants must provide the following documentation to be considered:

- Completed application form (available on the County of Elgin's website and through student services departments in area high schools).
- Three letters of reference, including at least one from a post-secondary instructor or secondary school Principal or Vice-Principal;
- Resume outlining past employment and/or extra-curricular activities, with a particular focus on community involvement;
- Proof of acceptance or enrolment in a post-secondary institution in Canada with an appropriate accredited curriculum;
- Most recent transcript of academic achievement;
- A statement of 250 words or less explaining how the current or proposed program of study pertains to an agriculturally-related discipline, the student's main reason for applying and the student's connection to an agricultural operation located within the County of Elgin;
- An essay of 1000 words or less outlining innovative ideas to further develop the County of Elgin's strong agricultural base in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This could include ideas pertaining to farming, agri-business, agri-tourism, nutrition, earth sciences and food sciences in the County

### **Application Deadline**

Applications must be received by the first business day on or immediately following June 1<sup>st</sup> by 4:30 pm of each year for awards to be distributed in the fall-term.



### **Selection Procedure**

- Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of three individuals: County Warden, a representative of the 2010 International Plowing Match Executive Committee and one staff member of the County of Elgin as appointed from time to time by County Council. Administrative support will be provided by the County's Administrative Services Coordinator who will redact applicant names and any identifying information for the initial review in order to ensure an objective process.
- Decisions will be made by July 1<sup>st</sup> in any given year.
- The decision of the committee is final and reasons for selection are strictly confidential.
- The selection committee reserves the right not to award scholarships in any given year.
- The selection committee reserves the right to award both scholarships to male or female applicants in any given year based on the number of applications received and their relative merits.
- Direct family members of the selection committee and Elgin County Council are ineligible to apply.

### **Payment**

The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient upon presentation of a receipt of tuition paid to the County of Elgin's Financial Services Department. Successful applicants are eligible to receive one award only.