



Class of 2024

Bongards' Creameries Community Scholarship Application

Bongards' Creameries is proud to be a farmer-owned cooperative that was founded in 1908. As a leading national cheese manufacturer, we craft premium cheeses that our customers know and love. Our products are selected by many of the country's largest foodservice operators, food manufacturers and foodservice distributors and can be found in restaurants, K-12 schools, retail groceries and convenience stores, among other locations. Our corporate offices are based in Chanhassen, Minn. and production facilities are in Bongards (Norwood), Minn., Perham, Minn., and Humboldt, Tenn.

As a co-op built by a community of hard-working farmers, we understand the value of giving back to the communities in which we live and work.

Scholarship Details and Applicant Qualifications:

1. For the school year 2023-2024, Bongards' Creameries will be awarding one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 at each of the following school districts:
 - a. Central Public Schools – Norwood Young America, MN
 - b. Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools – Glencoe, MN
 - c. Sibley East Public Schools – Arlington, MN
 - d. Waconia Public Schools – Waconia, MN
 - e. Perham-Dent Public Schools – Perham, MN
 - f. New York Mills Public Schools – New York Mills, MN
 - g. Humboldt City School District – Humboldt, TN
 - h. Jackson – Madison County School District – Jackson, TN
2. The applicant must be a high school senior enrolling in an institution of higher education (vocational school, college or university, etc.) or have recently completed military service and will be attending higher education for the first time.
3. Scholarship priority will be placed on applicants who come from an agriculture background and/or who plan to pursue a career in agriculture, food manufacturing or a business-related field.
4. **Please submit applications postmarked no later than March 31, 2024 to:**

*Bongards' Creameries
c/o Scholarship Application
250 Lake Drive East
Chanhassen, MN 55317*

Or submit a scanned copy via email no later than March 31, 2024 to: Scholarship@bongards.com

Note to awarded applicants:

Funds will not be disbursed until after the completion of your first semester of the post-secondary school with a GPA of 2.5 or better. A grade transcript & fee statement for the first semester must be submitted to the address noted above to receive your scholarship money. Once provided, the check will be made out to the college that you are attending.

Applicant Information:

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: _____

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL: _____

CURRENT GPA: _____

CLASS RANK: _____ out of _____ (graduating class size)

ACT or SAT COMPOSITE SCORE (if taken): _____

Post-Secondary School Information (where you are expecting to attend next fall):

School: _____ City/State: _____

Intended Major and/or Minor: _____

Please submit a typed response to the following questions and attach this sheet as the cover. Include your name, date and mailing address at the top of your typed responses.

1. Explain your reasons for choosing this college/university and field of study.
2. In what school and/or community organizations have you participated? Include details about your involvement in these organizations (leadership positions held, awards received, etc.)
3. If applicable, explain how you've been involved in agriculture or ag-related activities.
4. In 200 words or less, tell us your future plans: graduating college, desired job, future plans, etc.

Signature:

I understand that submission of this application authorizes the scholarship committee to obtain my college transcript. I authorize the release of all the foregoing scholarship information and/or materials. I also give permission to release my name for publicity if awarded this scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____