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NYFB OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS PLANNING FUTURE IN AGRICULTURE

The New York Farm Bureau Promotion & Education Committee is encouraging high school seniors who have been involved with agriculture and plan on continuing studies in this field to apply for the 2017 New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship. Scholarship awards are \$1,500 for first place, \$1,200 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place. District winners chosen from the county winners will each receive \$100 and a memento. The state awards are sponsored by the New York Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee.

Students applying must have a family Farm Bureau membership or a student Farm Bureau membership. A membership application may be included with scholarship enclosures. Students are required to complete the application and submit a brief essay answering the question, "What do I feel is the most important challenge facing agriculture in my community and why?" The application can be downloaded at www.nyfb.org and emailed to sprokop@nyfb.org with all required attachments or mailed to NYFB's Albany office with attention to Sandie Prokop.

At the district level, a personal interview and essay presentation may be scheduled at the discretion of the district representative for the Promotion & Education Committee. The county winner will be the applicant scoring the highest for each county. County winners within the district are recognized at the discretion of their county Farm Bureau. The district winner will be the overall highest county winner in each district and will advance to the state competition in January. State judging will be based solely upon the application and attachments.

The application submission deadline is November 16, 2016. To request an application, call 1-800-342-4143 or visit www.nyfb.org. The application is a fillable pdf and must be downloaded and completed.

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