



2012 Canadian International Farm Show 'Youth in Agriculture' Bursaries

The **Canadian International Farm Show 'Youth in Agriculture'** bursaries, presented by Master Promotions Ltd. in partnership with the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario, are designed to give back to the agricultural community by supporting the development of the next generation of agricultural leaders.

A \$2,500.00 bursary will be awarded to a student currently in their first year of an agricultural related program at an accredited Canadian university or college. If you are unsure or it is unclear if your program meets the requirement, your cover letter should include an explanation of how your program relates to pursuing an agricultural-related career.

Applicants must show both academic achievement and financial need, and must not have reached the age of 30 before January 1st, 2012. Strong preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate rural leadership or strong community involvement in organizations like the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario.

Your application should include:

1. A completed application form.
 2. A cover letter outlining your background, involvement in the agricultural community, goals for post-graduation, and how receiving the CIFS bursary would better enable you to pursue your studies.
 3. An up-to-date resume.
 4. Two letters of recommendation, including one from a faculty or staff member at your university/college on letterhead. It is recommended the second letter be from an established member of a local farm/rural organization that you are involved in. Both letters must be sent directly to JFAO by March 1st, 2012.
 5. An official transcript showing final marks for all completed first-term courses.
- Note: students enrolled in full-year courses will not be penalized if those first term marks are not available.

Qualified applicants may be invited to participate in an interview with a panel of independent judges on the evening of Thursday, March 29th, 2012, prior to JFAO's annual conference at the Holiday Inn in Peterborough, Ontario. Only applicants selected for an interview will be notified. Those who are unable to attend in person may have the option of a telephone interview. All decisions made by the judges will be final.

The winner will be announced at the JFAO annual banquet on Saturday March 31st, 2012, at the Holiday Inn in Peterborough, Ontario. The bursary will be paid by Master Promotions Ltd. directly to the winner's university/college once proof of registration in second year has been received.

Thank you for your interest and good luck with your future academic and agricultural successes.

ALL APPLICATIONS & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE POST-MARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1st, 2012 AND SENT DIRECTLY TO:



Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario
 ATTN: CIFS 'Youth in Agriculture' Selection
 100 Stone Rd. W. Suite 206
 Guelph, ON N1G 5L3
 T: 519-780-JFAO E: cip@jfao.on.ca F: 519-821-8810



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Name: _____ Birth date: _____ County: _____

Street Address: _____ RR # _____

Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____-_____-_____ Fax: _____-_____-_____ E-mail: _____

University/College: _____ Program: _____

Enrollment Date: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Provide an outline of your community involvement (organizations, volunteer activities):

List any special scholarships, bursaries, awards, & recognition you have previously received:

(use a separate sheet if you need more room for either of the above)

DECLARATION: I am a Canadian citizen or permanent resident enrolled in an agricultural related program at a Canadian college/university. I understand any bursary awarded will be paid directly to my college/university upon proof of enrollment in second year of an agricultural-related course.

I am aware all decisions of the independent judges are final, but CIFS, Master Promotions Ltd., and JFAO are under no obligation to issue the bursary should there be a lack of suitable candidates or for any other reason. Should I receive a bursary, I give permission for CIFS and JFAO to use my name, biographical information, and photo for promotional purposes.

I hereby certify I have read, understood and agree to comply with the requirements of the CIFS 'Youth in Agriculture' bursary, and that my financial need and all of the information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Information collected on this form will be used solely for administration of the CIFS 'Youth in Agriculture' Bursary program.



Checklist – I have included or made arrangements for

- Cover Letter
 Resume
 Two Recommendation Letters
 Transcript

