

WYLIE ISD HIGH SCHOOL
Wylie, Texas
2012

WYLIE ISD FFA SUPPORTER CLUB AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I. This scholarship was established in 1976 by Joe G's Super Drive inc., Wylie Feed and Seed Store, Wylie 4-H, and FFA Supporter Club; it is to be administered by Wylie ISD FFA Supporter Clubs with contributions from fund-raising activities.

II. The income for this scholarship is supported by interest from an investment vehicle deemed appropriate by the WISD school depository, and other club fund-raising activities, e.g. raffles or calf sales. The interest money earned in this fund is to be used **for no other purpose** other than for the scholarship, and the **principle** will never be expended; additional funds may be added to the principle by the supporter clubs and other sources.

III. The purpose is to provide at least one scholarship for each Wylie ISD high school, in an amount to be determined annually, per semester for eight semesters through four years of college to the student selected for this award.

IV. To be eligible for this scholarship a student must be of good moral character. He or she must be a graduate of a Wylie ISD High School and must have received all of his or her grades in agriculture science from a Wylie ISD High School. An applicant must major in some form of Agriculture. The student must have 3 credits in agricultural science courses, over six semesters.

He or she should be rated by secret vote of the high school faculty. This will be done under the leadership of each Wylie ISD High School administration.

Autobiographies are required.

A personal interview must be arranged between the applicants and a committee consisting of two or three vocational agricultural teachers from schools other than Wylie. The decision of the committee shall be final.

The committee will be asked to give consideration to the following point scale in rating the applicants:

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| a. Transcript | 12.5 points | |
| b. Autobiography | 12.5 points | |
| c. Faculty Rating | 25 points | |
| d. Interview | 50 points | (Need, interest, dedication plans, poise, participation, and accomplishments in Vo. Ag. and FFA) |

V. All graduating Seniors who have had at least one credit (over eight semesters) of agricultural science courses from a Wylie ISD High School may apply. If a student or students are ineligible as stated in number IV above, the guidelines listed below will be in effect. The guidelines listed below are ranked in the order of consideration. For example, part A is to be considered before part B.

- A. If there is not an applicant who meets the criteria in part IV, then he/she must have taken 3 credits (over six semesters) of agricultural science, and plan a major in another field.
- B. If an applicant does not meet the criteria in part A he/she must have at least 1 credit of agricultural science from a Wylie ISD High School and major in an agricultural related field.

Students who are considered under parts A-B are still required meet all other guidelines listed. Applicants will be ranked one through the number applying, and the top student will receive a scholarship. If the scholarship is not initiated or completely utilized for any reason other than those mentioned, the next eligible applicant will be notified.

VI. To remain eligible a student must attend an accredited college or university, majoring in agriculture or agriculture related fields, and pass the regular amount of full-time work which leads toward a Bachelor's Degree. A copy of grades must be furnished to the appropriate Wylie ISD High School counselor each semester and must show documents of major at the beginning of their junior year.

VII. The person receiving the scholarship must initiate the scholarship by enrolling and attending a college or university of his/her choice. This must be done the fall semester following his/her graduation from high school.

A student receiving his/her Bachelor's degree before the allotted four years and wishing to continue his/her college work for a Master's degree is eligible to receive the remainder of the scholarship.

If any person accepts the scholarship and then drops out of school or changes majors for any reason, he or she will forfeit the remainder of the scholarship.

VIII. Financial accounting is to be maintained as part of the Wylie Public Schools Student Activity Account. A separate ledger for the Scholarship Fund will be maintained by the FFA Chapters and High School principal's offices with central business office maintaining a consolidated account for the High School Activity Fund.

- A. Deposits for this account will be recorded by the FFA advisors and High School principals and submitted to the central business office for payment.
- B. Check request for scholarship payments will be co-signed by the FFA advisors and the High school principals and submitted to the central business office for payment.
- C. Donations to the principal for this fund will be submitted to the central business office. Investments in certificates of deposit will be made by the central business office. The high school principals, agricultural teachers, and president of the supporter clubs will receive a report of the principal balance in the account and a record of investments on annual bases.

The above guidelines were developed from the original guidelines established in 1976-77, necessary amendments, and administrative additions and interpretations from a scholarship committee meeting on April 13, 1989. Any changes in this scholarship program must have the approval of the Wylie I.S.D. Board of Trustees.

It is the school district's desire that the FFA/4-H Club continue to support and fund this scholarship.

The scholarship committee met to review and amend scholarship on April 24, 1995.

The scholarship committee met to review and amend scholarship on February 8, 2012. FFA Supporter Club members from Wylie and Wylie East were present and changes discussed with Wylie and Wylie East Ag. Science Teachers. Proposal to move initial eligibility requirement from 4 years to 3 years of Wylie ISD agricultural science courses. This allows students that have 3-4 years to be considered in the first group for scholarship consideration. This helps to open up the number of students eligible and still had a major impact on agriculture science, also updated wording to reflect multiple Wylie high schools. These proposals were approved by the Wylie ISD Board of Trustees on April 16, 2012.