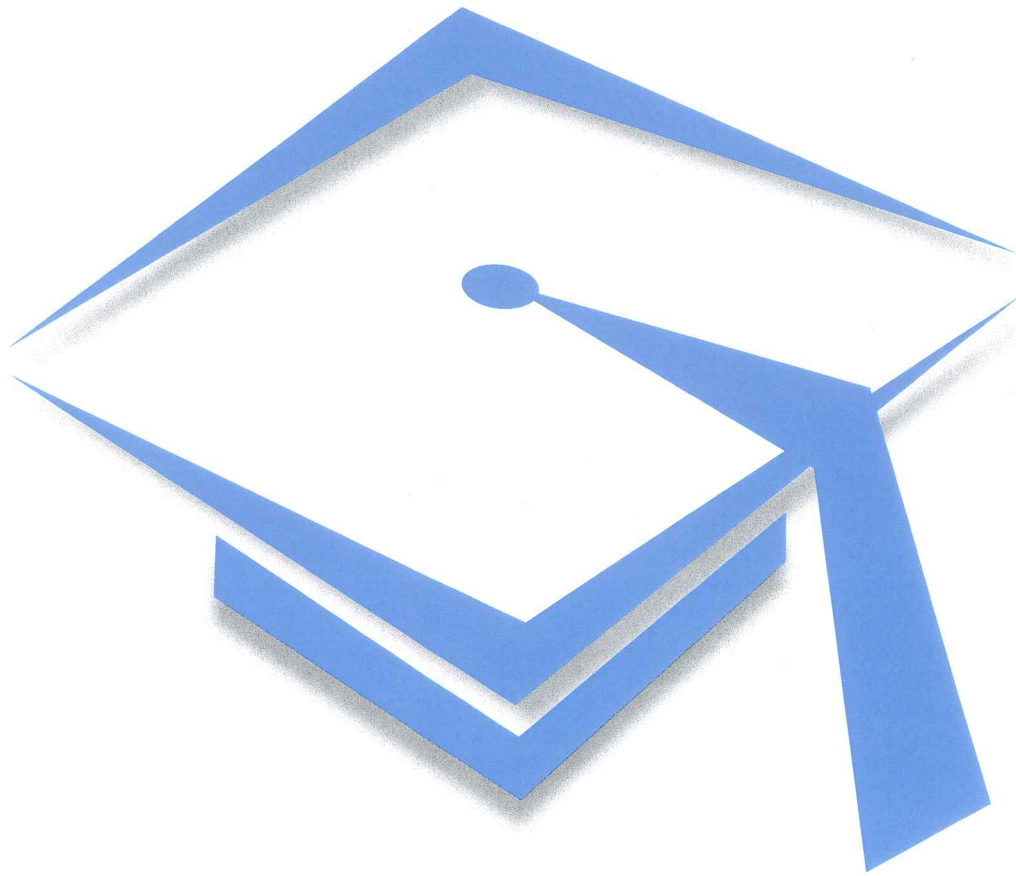


**WEST CENTRAL<sup>®</sup>**  
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# Excellence in Agriculture

*Scholarship Program*



2015-2016 Edition



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Consumers today demand healthy, safe food at affordable prices. To meet the demand of U.S. consumers and continue to expand American agriculture trade with other countries, we will continue to need bright, motivated young leaders in the agriculture industry. **At West Central®, we want to support high school seniors in the region who plan to utilize their post-secondary education to feed, fuel, and produce for both our neighbors and citizens around the world.**

West Central® is pleased to offer a scholarship program for high school seniors from rural communities across Iowa. As the cost of post-secondary education rises, the goal of obtaining an advanced education is becoming harder to realize. This program is designed to recognize students' academic achievements and potential while responding to the financial pressures felt by many rural families.

West Central will be awarding four (4) one-year scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each during the 2015–2016 academic year. Recipients may attend the accredited post-secondary institution and program of their choice and will be chosen by an independent committee supervised by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission. We sincerely hope you will take advantage of this scholarship program and wish you success in achieving your academic goals.

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Office Use)*

NOTE: Before completing, read the instructions.

**DO NOT** attach supplemental materials or place the application in any type of binder or cover. A typewritten application is preferred. All information given on this application will be kept strictly confidential. Scholarship recipients will be chosen by an independent committee supervised by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicant and/or parent must be a voting member, in good standing, of West Central.
- Applicant must be a high school senior graduating in the spring of the 2016 school year.
- Applicant must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must pursue a career in agriculture or enter an ag-related field of study at any accredited post-secondary school of his or her choice.
- Dependents of directors and officers of West Central are not eligible to apply for these scholarships.

All areas of the application are required in order for the applicant to be eligible.





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2015-2016 *Excellence in Agriculture*  
**Scholarship Application**  
*Celebrating More Than Two Decades of Support for*  
*High School Seniors Pursuing Agriculture and Life Science Degrees*

**Applicant Information**

Student Name   
(as you would like it to appear )

High School  Date of Birth

Phone Number  E-Mail Address

Street Address

City  State  Zip Code

Parent(s)/Guardian

Father's Occupation  Mother's Occupation

Applicant and/or parent must be a voting member,  
in good standing, of West Central.) West Central Account Number

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Post-Secondary School  
Applicant Plans to Attend

Date (Semester) of Enrollment

Degree you plan to pursue

Major/Field of Study (Please be  
specific)

## FUTURE PLANS

Briefly state your future career plans. Limit 750 characters

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## Financial Management Budget

Expenses		Resources	
E1. Tuition and Fees	<input type="text"/>	R1. Savings	<input type="text"/>
E2. Room and Board	<input type="text"/>	R2. Assistance from parents, relatives, etc.	<input type="text"/>
E3. Books and Supplies	<input type="text"/>	R3. Loans	<input type="text"/>
E4. Clothing	<input type="text"/>	R4. Scholarships	<input type="text"/>
E5. Incidentals (Transportation, Recreation, Laundry, Misc.)	<input type="text"/>	R5. Work Income (Part-time/during School)	<input type="text"/>
		R6. Other Resources	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total Expense (E1-5)</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Total Resources (R1-6)</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Amount Needed to Balance</b>	<input type="text"/>		

**ACTIVITIES**

List a maximum of eight major activities and your level of participation in each (offices held, committee assignments, awards, contests, etc.). Activities may include class offices or clubs, extracurricular student activities, community service, or church activities, etc. (Limit 1,500 characters)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Describe any work experience you have had over the past four years. (Include both farm and non-farm employment and activities, along with any amusing stories which have resulted from being on the job.) (1,500 character limit)

**ESSAY**

What changes do you think agriculture will undergo in the next five years? (1,500 character limit)

**STUDENT STATEMENT**

In the space below, explain why the scholarship committee should select you as a recipient of one of West Central's scholarships: (1,500 character limit)

**Where did you hear about this scholarship?**

**TEACHER STATEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER)**

To teacher: Please use this space to give an evaluation of the applicant's course of study in high school and dedication as a student. 1,000 character limit.

**I certify that the information provided in this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Information--High School**

High School

High School Address

High School Phone Number

Principal

Cumulative GPA  *Cumulative Grade Point Average through junior year;  
Base grade point average on A = 4.0.*

Applicant's Class Rank  out of  Graduation Date

*Applicant: Please print this form. Hand-written signatures are required from your teacher, principal, parent/guardian and yourself.*

***We certify the above information is correct:***

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## APPLICANT/PARENT SIGNATURES

I authorize West Central to release copies of this form to the committee designated to make the scholarship selections and to publicize the scholarship award if I am a recipient.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Submission

All sections of this form must be completed. Applicants may mail, scan and e-mail, or hand-deliver applications by **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29, 2016** in order to be considered for the awards. Recipients of scholarships will be notified by mail on or before April 24, 2015.

**Please ensure you have hand-written signatures which are required from the following:**

1. Applicant's teacher
2. School principal
3. Parent/guardian
4. Applicant

### **Mailed Applications:**

*Must be postmarked by Jan. 29, 2016*

Excellence In Ag Scholarship

West Central

PO Box 68

Ralston, IA 51459

### **Scanned/E-mailed Application with Hand-Written Signatures:**

*Must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2016*

[aclancy@westcentral.net](mailto:aclancy@westcentral.net)

### **Hand-Delivered to Any West Central Location:**

By 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29, 2015

Further questions regarding West Central's "Excellence in Agriculture" scholarship program should be directed to: Alicia Clancy, Director of Communications, (712) 667-3334 or [aclancy@westcentral.net](mailto:aclancy@westcentral.net)