

DERRY TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL FAIR

JOSEPH “SHORTY” DURIKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



In memory of our good friend Joseph “Shorty” Durika, we have set-up 'The Joseph “Shorty” Durika Memorial Scholarship'. We will be offering a scholarship to one DTAF youth exhibitor. The current year recipient will receive five hundred dollars (\$500.00) if they have met all of the requirements specified in the scholarship application. The scholarship will be awarded Saturday at the DTAF Market Sale.

You can view and print a copy of the scholarship application. Read the application carefully, fill it out and pages where necessary and send it in with your answers to the essay questions. This scholarship is based on achievement. If you have any questions email Derry Twp. Ag Fair, Attn: Scholarship.

Scholarship Application - Eligibility - Directions

Eligibility

1. Candidate may apply at age 16* but will not be considered as a recipient until at least age 17 as of January 1 of the current year. *(Consideration only under extenuating circumstances where a younger person may be entering college early.)
2. Candidate must not be older than age 21 as of December 31 of the current year.
3. The candidate must be attending a 2 or 4 year college, trade school, business school, or vocational school.
4. The Candidate must have shown as an exhibitor at the Derry Township Agricultural Fair.
5. The candidate must not have a criminal record.
6. The candidate's area of study does not have to be in agriculture.
7. The candidate must use the scholarship by age 22 as of December 31.
8. The winning candidate must have completed at least one full semester before the scholarship is released. Exceptions can be made if the candidate is attending a degree or certificate program that is less than one year of training. Request must be made in writing to the Fair.
9. Scholarship money will be sent to the winning candidate's school or training program. Money **will not** be sent directly to the winner

Directions to completion

1. A completed application and all supporting material are due to the committee by June 19, 2024.
2. The candidate will go through an interview process of up to one (1) hour. The interview will consist of a presentation to authenticate the material presented on their application. Maximum 45 minutes. This authentication will be in visual form showing a history of their qualifications and achievements, (The candidate will be graded on their presentation of material, organization, and thoroughness.)

The candidate will also go through a question and answer period with the judges for a period not to exceed the remainder of the permitted time. (Judges will use this information to validate the participation in all activities presented on the application.)

3. **The Interview date will be scheduled for either June 28th or 29th. Time to be announced. Candidate MUST be available on dates listed for INTERVIEW. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
4. The Candidate will be scored by committee members to ensure as equitable treatment as possible.

Conclusion

1. The scholarship will be awarded on merit - not on need. Therefore the committee may decide that no candidate has met the minimum score of 70 points or qualification, and no scholarship will be awarded. (A copy of the evaluation form is listed below.)
2. All candidates in the year a scholarship is awarded will be recognized during fair week the night of the market sale for their participation.
3. The recipient of the scholarship will be notified before fair week, if possible.

Recipients

The scholarship will be paid to the institution in which you are enrolled.

Essay Questions

(Please follow the instructions to the letter for each of the following questions.)

Question #1 - Excluding getting the community more involved in the fair, if you had the control to implement any change to the Derry Township Agricultural Fair what would it be, how would you do it, and what would be your goal for accomplishing such a task. (Please give a full page answer – type written and double spaced.)

Question #2 - What fair event/experience, negative or positive has had the most positive affect on you. Please describe the event/experience and how it has affected you positively. (Please give at least a half page answer - type written and double spaced.)

Question #3 – Explain your career goals. (Please give a half page answer – type written and double spaced.)

Question #4 – Explain your life goals. (Please give a half page answer – type written and double spaced) Please list all years that you have participated at the Derry Township Agricultural Fair and those activities you participated in, in each of those years. Please list all other life activities you have participated in - church, clubs and organizations, community, and school.

Please return the completed application along with all written information requested to the following address:

**Derry Twp. Ag Fair Scholarship Application
PO Box 261
New Derry, PA 15671**

DTAF Shorty Durika Memorial Scholarship Evaluation Form

How to use this form: The point system outlined on this form is used to judge scholarship applicants for the DTAF Shorty Durika Memorial Scholarship. It provides a fair numerical system for ranking applicants on each criterion. Each member of the scholarship committee should fill out one form per applicant. The forms shall then be totaled up and rankings to be used in deliberation.

Scholarship Applicant: _____

Judging Criteria	Description	Maximum Points	Total Points
Neatness of Application	Is the application typed, if not is it hand written neatly. (No scratch out marks, etc.)	5	
Essay 1:	1-5 pts. - Answers the question with little explanation, multiple grammatical and spelling errors 6-10 pts. – Answers the question fully and provides good explanation, few to no grammatical or spelling errors.	10	
Essay 2:	1-5 pts. – Answers the question with little explanation, multiple grammatical and spelling errors. 6-10 pts. – Answers the question fully and provides good explanation, few to no grammatical or spelling errors.	10	
Essays 3 and 4: (10 points each)	1-5 pts. – Answers the question with little explanation, multiple grammatical and spelling errors. 6-10 pts. – Answers the question fully and provides good explanation, few to no grammatical or spelling errors.	10	
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Active in the DTAF	1-5 pts. – Active. 6-10 pts. – Very active	10	
Demonstrates community involvement: (4H/FFA/School/Church/etc.)	1-3 pts. – Active. 4-5 pts. – Very active.	5	
Dress during interview	Ranked on a 1-5 scale, points may include appropriate dress, neatness of hair, facial hair, etc.	5	
Presentation	1-8 pts. – Average. 9-16 pts. – Above average. 17-25 pts. – Outstanding.	25	
Questions	Each member of the committee should have one question prepared from application of the individual or one general question they ask each candidate. 1-5 pts. – Answers question. 6-10 pts. – Answers question above and beyond by providing more detail.	10	
Grand Total Points		100	

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JOSEPH "SHORTY" DURIKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Age as of January 1st of the current year: _____

Parents or Guardian Names: _____

Name of Institution you are enrolling/enrolled in: _____

Beginning Date: _____

Your approximate date of graduation: _____

Length of time you have currently been enrolled if applicable: _____

Deadline for return application: June 19th.

The information I have provided on my application is valid and true as of the date this application was filed.

Signatures:

Recipient: _____

Parent or guardian: _____