

Introduction to the 2023 Erie County Farm Bureau Essay Award Program

Essay Subject: "Farming: Today, and in the Future"

Dear FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader, Teacher;

Erie County Farm Bureau wishes to show support for FFA/4-H members and students pursuing an agricultural course of study, who reside in Erie County, by offering a \$100 scholarship award program. There will be two awards given during the 2022/2023 school year.

There is an award application included with this introduction. The basic rules are listed below:

Deadline: *Must be postmarked by May 15th, 2023*

Format: *Application must be submitted on the official application document (or copy thereof). The application must be typed, printed or neatly handwritten. The essay must be typed or printed. Any application that is illegible will be dismissed. Essay must include solutions for farming with NYS mandates regarding fossil fuels and environment. Applicants are encouraged to include input from interviews with farmers and other agricultural industry representatives, as well as their own research.*

Eligibility: *Currently an Erie County resident, who is an active FFA/4-H member in good standing, **and/or** pursuing an agricultural course of study in grades 7 through 12. Applicant or family **does not** need to be a current Farm Bureau member.*

Nomination: *Applications may be completed by self- nominating students **or** by their current FFA advisor, 4-H Leader or Teacher.*

Award: *The awards will be presented at the Erie County Fair. The winners will be advised of the date, time, and location.*

Thank you for your assistance in making this award program a success.

Tom Thompson

Erie County Farm Bureau President

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