

JAMES M. AND MARTHA J. PERRY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Amount:** \$750
Eligibility: Graduating seniors from Elgin Public High School in Elgin, Nebraska
Criteria: Major in agriculture, 2- or 4-year college.

The James M. and Martha J. Perry Agricultural Scholarship was established in 1997 by Gladys J. Perry, to honor and recall the lives of her late parents, James and Martha. The Perrys were dedicated to the land and reaped all of the benefits that the soil had to offer. They loved their community and had a strong interest in education and young people. This scholarship was established to provide support for graduating seniors from Elgin Public High School who are seeking a degree in agriculture.

CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be a current graduating senior of **Elgin Public High School**, Elgin, Nebraska.
2. Applicant must plan to attend a qualified college or technical school seeking a degree in the field of agriculture. Post-secondary education must begin the academic year immediately following high school graduation.
3. Applicant must possess the ability to do post-secondary work in a satisfactory manner.
4. This scholarship will not be awarded to any student who receives a scholarship which sufficiently finances all tuition, fees, and books during the student's initial year of college study.

APPLICATION

Applicants are required to complete the Lincoln Community Foundation Application Form and submit the form and all required attachments to the Elgin Public High School counseling office. Applications must be postmarked or delivered by March 15th to:

Elgin Public High School
Attn: Barb Bode
PO Box 399
Elgin, NE 68636

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Application required attachments:

1. High school **transcript(s)** (copies of transcripts are acceptable).
2. Two (2) **letters of recommendation** (no more than one year old). Letters must be written by teachers, counselors, case workers, clergy, employers, neighbors, etc. (letters from family members are not acceptable). Submit letters of recommendation with your application materials.
3. **Essay:** *Explain 1) why you are interested in pursuing an education in agriculture, 2) how this education has a direct relationship to your permanent career objectives, and 3) why you are deserving of this award.* Your essay should be no more than 500 words and be typed on no more than 1 attached page.

DEADLINE

Scholarship applications must be postmarked or delivered to the Elgin Public High School counseling office by March 15th.

AWARD

The Elgin Scholarship Committee will review all applications and send recommendations to the Lincoln Community Foundation. The Foundation will make the final selection of scholarship recipients.

Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the student's college or university. Scholarship grants can be made only to qualified, nonproprietary institutions.

This scholarship shall not be awarded to any immediate or distant member of the James M. and Martha J. Perry Family.