



RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE

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River Valley Cooperative AAS Ag Program Sponsorship Guidelines 2-Year Academic Award

River Valley Cooperative offers four (4) two-year full tuition sponsorships to high school seniors pursuing an Associate of Applied Science Ag degree at a participating technical college. River Valley Cooperative supports deserving students who have a passion for agriculture, a desire to attain their educational goals, and are driven to succeed to their fullest ability.

Student Eligibility:

- High school senior, graduating mid-term or in the spring
- Legal U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Must major in the AAS Ag program at a participating technical college
 - Blackhawk East Community College: Galva, IL
 - Agriculture Production AAS
 - Agribusiness Management AAS
 - Agriculture Mechanics Technology AAS

Kirkwood Community College: Cedar Rapids, IA

- Agriculture Science AAS
- Diesel Truck Technology AAS

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges: Muscatine, IA, and Davenport, IA

- Agribusiness Management AAS
- Diesel Technology AAS

Illinois Valley Community College: Oglesby, IL

- Agronomy AAS

Illinois Central College: Peoria, IL

- Agricultural Science and Technology AAS
- Diesel Powered Equipment Technology AAS

Southeastern Community College: Burlington, IA

- Agribusiness AAS

Selection Process: Sponsorship recipients shall be determined by an internal River Valley Cooperative committee. This sponsorship will be based on leadership, character, and community involvement.

Final candidates must be present for a personal interview with the sponsorship committee. You will be contacted via email to set up an interview. Please check the email you have provided in this application regularly.





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Distributing the Awards: A River Valley Cooperative representative will present sponsorship awards to the winners at the school's awards ceremony. A River Valley Cooperative sponsorship committee member will notify school counselors after candidate selection.

Funds will be disbursed to the college directly following registration and receiving a copy of the completion of the registration. The award is applied to all four (4) semesters of the AAS Ag Degree.

Requirements: Sponsorship recipients must complete the AAS Ag program in person or online. Recipients will be scheduled for part-time employment to complete their on-the-job training (OJT) during the duration of the program to gain hands-on experience and knowledge. Recipients shall remain employed for two (2) years minimum following graduation.

Mailing Instructions: Postmark by July 1, 2023

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AAS Ag Program Sponsorship
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Or email Jayne Carstensen at jcarstensen@rivervalleycoop.com.

All questions should be directed to Jayne Carstensen, Communications Specialist, at 563-285-1715 or jcarstensen@rivervalleycoop.com.

Application Checklist:

- ✓ Complete application
- ✓ Two (2) letters of recommendation
- ✓ One (1) essay; two (2) pages maximum
- ✓ 12-point font, single-spaced
- ✓ Academic verification

Specific Instructions: Failure to enclose all the required information, sign the application, or meet the deadline date will result in disqualification.





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River Valley Cooperative AAS Ag Sponsorship Program

Applicant Essay

The sponsorship committee of River Valley Cooperative has been entrusted with deciding which candidates will be awarded a 2-year full tuition sponsorship.

On a separate sheet, prepare your essay. Include your name and River Valley Cooperative AAS Ag Sponsorship Application Essay at the top of the pages. Your signature is required at the end of the essay—two pages maximum. Please use 12-point font, single-spaced.

Please tell us about yourself to help us make this important decision regarding your future. Include any information you think will assist the committee in considering you. Tell us in detail about yourself and your:

- Job
- Community involvement
- Agricultural experience
- Volunteer work
- Curricular and extra-curricular involvement at school
- Aspirations and goals in life
- Why should the River Valley Cooperative Sponsorship Committee select you as a sponsorship recipient?





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Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

High School Name: _____

High School Guidance Counselor Name: _____ Phone: _____

College or Technical School you plan to attend: _____

Expected Major: _____

Name of hometown newspaper: _____

How did you hear about the River Valley Cooperative Sponsorship? _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT:

Please read carefully; By signing this agreement, it is agreed that I have read the River Valley Cooperative Sponsorship guidelines and fully understand the terms and conditions.

I agree that this sponsorship application is valid and includes my own words and thoughts. If awarded a River Valley Cooperative Ag Program Tuition Sponsorship, I give River Valley Cooperative permission to disclose my name, photo, and video in any sponsorship publicity.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

