

Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association

Rudolph Grob Memorial Scholarship



The Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association is pleased to be able offer several annual scholarships in the amount of \$500 to \$2,000 in memory of Rudolph Grob of Millersville who served the Association for 50 years as a Director, 20 years as Secretary-Treasurer and for over 20 years as manager of the Association's Farm Show Booth. Mr. Grob was a horticulture graduate of Penn State University who was employed for many years at Funk's Farm Market in Millersville.

The funds for the scholarships are generated by the interest earned by the Association's Keystone Fund, an endowment type fund created by the voluntary extra dues paid the Keystone Members of the Association.

The purpose of the scholarships is to assist students in obtaining a baccalaureate or associate degree that will enable them to pursue a career in the vegetable, potato or berry production or related industries or businesses. Children or grandchildren of an Association member who has been a member in good standing for one or more years and who are pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field may also be considered.

Preference will be given first to children or grandchildren of Association members who are pursuing a career in the vegetable, potato or berry production or related industries or businesses. Second preference will be given to non-member students who are pursuing a career in the vegetable, potato or berry production or related industries or businesses. Last preference will be given to children or grandchildren of members who are pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field.

Applicants must be currently enrolled or have applied for enrollment in a two-year associate or four-year baccalaureate degree program at an accredited institution and be in good academic standing.

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 to \$2,000 are awarded to students for a one-year period. Recipients may apply for a renewal although preference will be given to other qualified students over previous recipients. It is not a need-based scholarship.

The following items must be included with a completed application form:

- A copy of the most recent academic transcript.
- Two letters of reference from someone outside of the immediate family.
- A typed essay (approximately 500 words) on one of the following topics:
 - Describe the biggest issue that has faced the vegetable/potato/berry Industry in Pennsylvania in the last five years or that the Industry will face in the next five years and how you plan to deal with this issue in your future career, or
 - Describe your previous experiences with the vegetable/potato/berry Industry and the role you hope to play in the Pennsylvania vegetable/potato/berry Industry upon graduation.

Students re-applying for the scholarship need only update their applications from previous years with updated transcripts and any changes in career plans.

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by **May 15, 2023**. The applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, which may request to interview the applicant in person or by telephone or to contact college or high school advisors and/or references. Applications should be mailed to:

Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association
815 Middle Road
Richfield, PA 17086-9205

Applications can also be emailed in pdf format to: pvga@pvga.org.

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Application

Name _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Permanent Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Parents' or Guardians' Name(s), Address(es) and Phone Number(s)

College/University _____

College Semesters Completed (if any) _____

Overall GPA _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Major _____

Area of Interest _____

Anticipated Career _____

High School or College Advisor _____

Phone Number _____

High School & Year Graduated _____

Please answer the following questions on an attached sheet.

1. List your high school or on-campus activities, involvement in student organizations, any leadership positions and years of participation:
2. List your participation in any civic or public service activities (on or off-campus):
3. List any work experience you've had in or related to the vegetable, potato, or berry industries:
4. List any scholarships or awards you have received (including honor roll):
5. Briefly explain your career aspirations and how you plan to contribute to the Pennsylvania vegetable, potato or berry industries after graduation.

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