

Maryland & Virginia

Milk Producers Cooperative Association

2021 Scholarship Application

Must be received by February 19, 2021

Include resume, cover letter, transcript, one letter of recommendation, answers to industry questions, and current headshot

Name:

Expected College Graduation Year:

College:

Current GPA:

Major/ Minor:

High School:

Home Address:

City, State Zip:

Email Address:

Phone

Please check the appropriate qualification:

Member

Member Employee

Maryland & Virginia Employee

Member Name or Maryland & Virginia Employee Name:

Producer # or Co-op location:

How are you affiliated with this member?

Parents

Grandparents

Employer

Parents' Names:

Are you affiliated with any other dairy cooperative? No

Yes

If yes, please explain:

Supporting Documents

Include a **cover letter and resume**. With your cover letter, please explain why you are pursuing a career in the dairy industry and how this scholarship will help you achieve that goal.

Also include:

- **ONE letter of recommendation** from a teacher, student advisor, professor or supervisor
- Answers to the **Dairy Industry Questions**
- Most recent **high school or college transcript** (*either official or unofficial transcript*)
- A recent **headshot photo** to use for publications

Dairy Industry Questions – Please select **TWO** of the three questions to answer below.

Questions:

1. Knowing how and when to reply to dairy-related social media posts or questions can be an important skill to have working in the dairy industry. How would you handle this scenario?

Your friend posts a photo of calf along with this statement on Instagram: "After reading about how dairy cows are treated, I'm switching to almond milk!" #ditchdairy #govegan

How would you respond to this post?

2. When it comes to dairy's impact on the environment, what would your response be to a consumer who says dairy farming contributes to global warming? How is the dairy industry going to meet its goal of becoming Net Zero by 2050? What role will you play in the industry to ensure we meet this goal?
3. As curators of dairy goodness, Maryland & Virginia's dairy farmers and co-op employees are dedicated to providing consumers with fresh, wholesome and delicious milk and dairy products. How do you envision your future career will positively benefit our cooperative and the larger dairy industry?

Scholarship Details

Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Commitment to a career in the dairy industry
- Evidence of leadership ability, initiative, character and integrity
- Participation in extracurricular activities
- Academic performance

Additional scholarships may be awarded each year thanks to the MDVA Fund

Submit application by February 19, 2021 and Return to:

Email application to contest@mdvamilk.com

OR Mail to Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative

Attn: Scholarship Committee

1985 Isaac Newton Square West, Suite 200 Reston, VA 20190

Recipients will be selected by April 5, 2021.

All information provided on this form is correct and I meet the following criteria:

- I am the child or grandchild of a Maryland & Virginia member; or I work on a Maryland & Virginia member farm; or I am the child of a Maryland & Virginia employee.
- I am enrolled in a two- or four-year accredited college, university or trade school.
- I am pursuing a career in the dairy industry.

Signature

Date

Questions? Contact Daniela Roland at droland@mdvamilk.com