



Lyle Rader Agricultural Scholarship

Deadline: 04/15/2020

Amount: \$2,000

Application: See Mrs. Blankers and online Essays: 1

Recommendations: 0

Description

Lyle Rader was born on September 21, 1937 in the Pierce County town of Fife, Washington. His love for farming started early in his life. He raised a variety of crops on the family farm during his school years and involvement with the local FFA chapter. He became a state officer and at the age of 22, Lyle was selected as the Star Farmer of America, the highest honor the FFA organization can bestow upon a member. His recognition was primarily in the field of agriculture mechanization. Lyle continued to farm in the fertile Puyallup Valley as he focused on the improvement of techniques in the harvesting and processing of his farming operation.

Lyle moved his family and farming operation to Lynden, Washington in 1988 where he knew the climate and available acreage would enable him to continue the successful expansion of his berry operation. During his career in agriculture, Lyle was a leader and innovator. He developed and implemented practices at Rader Farms that have been replicated throughout the entire industry. Although he did not have the opportunity to go to college, Lyle strongly believed in higher education as a key that can open many doors for today's youth.

Over the past 25 years, Rader Farms has provided summer employment for thousands of young people. Lyle's passion for supporting and employing the younger generation formed a strong bond with the hard working families in the Lynden community. Many have used their earnings to further their education and several have returned as full time employees of the farm.

The goal of the Rader Family is to help support students who have plans to continue their focus in the agricultural industry. Participation in the Future Farmers of America organization is necessary for this scholarship as well as meeting specific Lynden Christian School requirements. The family intends to honor Lyle's legacy with the awarding of this scholarship to a carefully chosen student who will have the opportunity to learn and hopefully return to the agricultural industry.

This scholarship can be renewed for an additional year, as long as grades are maintained at a minimum 2.75 GPA.

Criteria

- Graduating senior who wishes to have a career with ties to Agriculture
- Must be a participant in Future Farmers of America

Application Instructions (click on the link below to go to the application)

1. Complete Application
2. Transcripts, including SAT/ACT scores (email Mrs. Houseman to request transcript khouseman@lynchs.org)
3. Essay: Describe in 200 words or less: **"What career do you hope to pursue and what experiences led to this decision? How has agriculture affected your life and what has it taught you? How do you believe your faith will affect your career and personal goals as a Christian adult?"**
4. Return applications to Mrs. Blankers by **April 15, 2020**

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