

## **Claire Scheibe Memorial Trust Scholarship**

### **Who was Claire Scheibe?**

Claire Scheibe was the founder of Toy Farmer Ltd and influential promoter of the farm toy collecting hobby during its infancy. Born in 1940 and raised near LaMoure, North Dakota, he spent the better part of his first 40 years directly involved with a traditional family farm operation. In 1978, he started a newsletter for a small fellowship of toy collectors and later that year co-founded the National Farm Toy Show in Dyersville, IA. Within a few years, successes achieved in the farm toy hobby meant that directing Toy Farmer business would become Claire's full time occupation. Over the following two decades, Claire achieved much – a monthly magazine reaching an estimated 50,000 readers, establishment of the world's largest farm toy show, and induction into the Farm Toy Hall of Fame. Without a doubt, a great deal of this success was a direct by-product of his education and connection to agriculture. As a result, Claire chose to reinvest in these institutions by serving many years as the president of the local school board and by establishing several scholastic award programs.

### **How did this scholarship get created?**

Shortly after Claire's death in 2000, two fellow Farm Toy Hall of Famers – Robert Zarse of Reynolds, Indiana and Dave Bell of Dyersville, Iowa - decided to honor their good friend in a very special and fitting way. Together, they devised a charitable replica model project for the IH 400 personally owned by Claire. This model was built by Dave's company, Spec-Cast. Over 3,000 of these units were purchased by generous farm toy collectors. All net proceeds from the project were gathered along with a few individual donations and the account was established. Annual interest proceeds generated from this account now fund these yearly scholarship awards.

### **The Scholarships**

A minimum of \$5,000 will be divided and distributed equally to at least 5 and not more than 10 successful applicants. This is a one-time award per applicant.

### **Eligibility**

Any high school senior, college student or technical school student with proof of acceptance to an accredited post high school educational program is eligible.

### **How to Apply**

Application submissions are to be made directly to the Trust at the following address: Claire Scheibe Memorial Trust, Attn: Applications, P.O. Box 368, Dyersville IA 52040-0368. Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on May 31 of this year.

### **Selection**

At a minimum, applicants should be prepared to communicate a desire to pursue any of the following: a career in agriculture, a career that will relate to or benefit agricultural business(es), or a career that will benefit an agricultural community in a meaningful way. All applications will be reviewed by a multi-person selection committee. The committee will select winning candidates based upon responses to questions provided on the application form. The selection is not based upon need or prior scholastic achievement.

Successful applicants will be notified by mail on or before July 15 of this year. Upon completion of the first term, a check will be mailed directly to the successful applicant. Proof of completion must be provided to the Trust to receive payment.

**Official Application Form.**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the name and location of the educational institution you plan on attending?  
What degree or training do you seek?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree/Training \_\_\_\_\_

2. What career (s) do you anticipate pursuing once you receive your degree /training? If your career is ag-related, briefly describe its connection to agriculture.

Potential Future Career(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Connection to Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_

3. In the blanks provided, list the primary extra-curricular activities (and years involved in each) that have had the greatest impact on your choice of a future career.

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ # of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity \_\_\_\_\_ # of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity \_\_\_\_\_ # of years \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity \_\_\_\_\_ # of years \_\_\_\_\_

4. In just a few sentences describe how these activities will benefit you in your future pursuits.

\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_

5. In the space remaining, describe how this scholarship - in your hands- should be considered an investment in the future of agriculture.

\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \_\_\_\_\_

Statement by Applicant

I have personally prepared this application without assistance from others and verify the accuracy of its content.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

---