

MN Turkey Growers Assn. Offers Scholarship Program

The Minnesota Turkey Growers Association and Minnesota Turkey Research & Promotion Council's Ranelius Scholarship Program is designed to encourage students enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution in Minnesota to prepare for a career in some phase of the turkey industry.

Up to \$5,000 is available for scholarship awards. (Actual scholarship amount given out to worthy recipient(s) will be determined by MTGA Board of Directors, based on eligibility and criteria listed below).

ELIGIBILITY: The MTGA scholarship recipient(s) must be a citizen of the state of Minnesota and either be enrolled or plan to be enrolled in a post high school educational program that will prepare them for employment in some phase of the poultry industry.

While there are no restrictions on the major or program selected, it must provide suitable training for the applicant's stated career goals. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received an MTGA scholarship, and who are either members of the MTGA, or who are family members or employees of members of the MTGA.

JUDGING CRITERIA: The selection of the scholarship recipient will be made by an MTGA Board of Directors and based on the applications received. The committee may withhold the scholarship award if there are insufficient worthy applicants. An applicant's scholastic record is a major factor. Experience, activities and honors received will be considered. The applicant's demonstrated interest in the poultry industry, as reflected by past activities and a statement of career plans are also important considerations.

Recipients may be asked to participate as a Minnesota Turkey ambassador at public events during the year. Scheduling will be mutually agreed upon and all expenses will be reimbursed.

APPLICATION: The application consists of a 3-page listing of requested information (format provided by the MTGA); a 1-page written statement from the applicant; and one letter of recommendation.

DEADLINE: The deadline for receiving entries is **December 15th, 2016**. Mail entries to: Minnesota Turkey Growers Association, Scholarship Selection Committee, 108 Marty Drive, Buffalo, MN 55313.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO OR AN

APPLICATION: Visit

www.minnesotaturkey.com/education or contact the MTGA at 108 Marty Drive, Buffalo, MN 55313; phone, 763/682-2171; fax, 763/682-5546;