

Tri-Valley Bank 2017 Farm Scholarship

Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cellphone _____

E-mail _____

Directions to Farm _____

Please answer the following questions, either on additional sheets of paper or e-mailed to farmscholarship@tri-valleycenters.com . You may answer them individually, or more preferably as an essay.

1. What is your educational background?
2. Tell us about your family: parents, spouse, children.
3. How long have you been farming? How did you get started?
4. Tell us about your operation – no. of acres – owned? rented? crops raised? livestock?
5. How and where do you market your products? Do you have a marketing strategy? Is it written?
6. What are the biggest challenges you have faced? How did you deal with them?
7. What have been your successes and how did you accomplish them?
8. What have been your best resources for advice/information e.g. father, fertilizer dealer, accountant?
9. What are your plans for the future i.e. where do you see yourself in 5 yrs? 10 yrs? How do you plan to get there?
10. What do you see as the future for operations of your size, now and in 10 yrs?
11. Tell us about your other activities e.g. community, church, ag groups.
12. What are your plans for 2017? If you were awarded the scholarship, specifically how would you use the funds?
13. If you could go back in time and talk to yourself when you started farming, what advice would you give you?
14. If you had/have a child who wants to farm, what advice would you give him or her?
15. Is there anyone else you would like us to talk to about you/your operation?
16. Sign and date your application.

If you wish to mail your application, send it no later than **February 3rd, 2017** to Jay W. Longinaker, Tri-Valley Bank, PO Box 87, Randolph, IA 51649. If we need more information, we may contact you.

Thank you for your interest!