Tri-Valley Bank 2019 Farm Scholarship

Rules

1. The contest is open to active farmers under age 35 with a minimum of 3 years of farming within a 60 mile radius of Randolph, Iowa. To be considered an active farmer, you must produce and market crops and/or livestock in your own name (or in the name of an entity you principally own).
2. Written applications must be submitted by Feb. 8, 2019. All information in the applications will be kept confidential except as stated below.
3. Finalists will be chosen on the basis of the written applications, and follow-up questions (as necessary) as stated in the application.
4. The winning entrant will receive $5,000.00 to be used only for normal 2019 crop/livestock expenses. Tri-Valley Bank will disburse the funds upon presentment of legitimate invoices, and will have the right to confirm the validity thereof with the supplier.
5. The other three semi-finalists will each receive a $100.00 fuel card.
6. The winner hereby gives Tri-Valley Bank and KMA the right to use their name, image and general information about them and their operation for promotional purposes.

Application

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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 2019? 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 8th, 2019** 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!