

# DERRY TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL FAIR

## JOSEPH “SHORTY” DURIKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP"



In memory of our good friend Joseph “Shorty” Durika, we have set-up 'The Joseph “Shorty” Durika Memorial Scholarship'. We will be offering a scholarship to one DTAF youth exhibitor. The current year recipient will receive five hundred dollars (\$500.00) if they have met all of the requirements specified in the scholarship application. The scholarship will be awarded Saturday at the DTAF Market Sale.

You can view and print a copy of the scholarship application. Read the application carefully, fill it out and pages where necessary and send it in with your answers to the essay questions. This scholarship is based on achievement. If you have any questions email Derry Twp Ag Fair, Attn: Scholarship.

### ***Scholarship Application - Eligibility - Directions***

#### ***Eligibility***

1. Candidate may apply at age 16\* but will not be considered as a recipient until at least age 17 as of January 1 of the current year. \*(Consideration only under extenuating circumstances where a younger person may be entering college early.)
2. Candidate must not be older than age 21 as of December 31 of the current year.
3. The candidate must be attending a 2 or 4 year college, trade school, business school, or vocational school.
4. The Candidate must have shown as an exhibitor at the Derry Township Agricultural Fair.
5. The candidate must not have a criminal record.
6. The candidate's area of study does not have to be in agriculture.
7. The candidate must use the scholarship by age 22 as of December 31

#### ***Directions to completion***

1. A completed application and all supporting material are due to the committee by June 15 of the current year.
2. The candidate will go through an interview process of up to 1 hour. The interview will consist of a presentation to authenticate the material presented on their application. Maximum 45 minutes. This authentication will be in visual form showing a history of their qualifications and achievements, (The candidate will be graded on their presentation of material, organization, and thoroughness.) The candidate will also go through a question and answer period with the judges for a period not to exceed the remainder of the permitted time. (Judges will use this information to validate the participation in all activities presented on the application.)

3. Interview date is scheduled for JUNE 30, 2018. Candidates will be contacted as to the time of interview.

**Candidate MUST be available on date list for INTERVIEW. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

4. The Candidate will be scored by committee members to ensure as equitable treatment as possible.
5. Candidates scores will be based on the enclosed score sheet. Candidates must meet an average score of 70% to be considered for the scholarship. If no candidate receives an average score of 70%, **no** scholarship will be awarded.

### **Conclusion**

1. The scholarship will be awarded on merit - not on need. Therefore the committee may decide that no candidate has met the minimum score or qualification, and no scholarship will be awarded.
2. All candidates in the year a scholarship is awarded will be recognized during fair week the night of the market sale for their participation.
3. The recipient of the scholarship will be notified before fair week, if possible.

### **Recipients**

The scholarship will be paid to the institution in which you are enrolled.

### **Essay Questions**

(Please follow the instructions to the letter for each of the following questions.)

**Question #1** - Excluding getting the community more involved in the fair, if you had the control to implement any change to the Derry Township Agricultural Fair what would it be, how would you do it, and what would be your goal for accomplishing such a task. (Please give a full page answer – type written and double spaced)

**Question #2** - What fair event/experience, negative or positive has had the most positive affect on you. Please describe the event/experience and how it has affected you positively. (Please give at least a half page answer - type written and double spaced)

**Question #3** – Explain your career goals. (Please give a half page answer – type written and double spaced)

**Question #4** – Explain your life goals. (Please give a half page answer – type written and double spaced)

Please list all years that you have participated at the Derry Township Agricultural Fair and those activities you participated in, in each of those years.

Please list all other life activities you have participated in - church, clubs and organizations, community, and school.

Please return the completed application along with all written information requested to the following address:

Nancy Durika  
320 Laughlin Farm Rd  
Blairsville Pa 15717  
ATTN: Scholarship

**The form on the next page will be used to judge each applicant.**