

Dennis Selness Scholarship Program

Dennis Selness

The Dennis Selness Scholarship is being provided annually through the Iowa FFA Foundation as specified in Selness' will. An agricultural college scholarship will be presented annually in his memory.

Selness was the agricultural education instructor/FFA advisor at Linn-Mar High School, Marion, Iowa, for 28 years. During this time, Selness primarily focused on creating innovative opportunities for agricultural education/FFA young people to help them develop to their fullest potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

Selness received an Honorary Iowa FFA Degree in 1982 and was a lifetime member of the FFA Alumni. He was the Iowa Ag Science Teacher of the Year in 1993, and received the Iowa Friend of Agriculture Award in 1994, Iowa Outstanding Agriculture Program in 2000, Iowa Conservation Teacher of the Year in 2001, Marion Times 2004 Marion Citizen of the Year, and earned the National FFA Organization Honorary American FFA Degree in 2004.

He was instrumental in development of the Aquaculture Center at Linn-Mar High School; it was dedicated in his name.

Dennis Selness passed away on November 23, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer. He will always be remembered for reaching out to his students — helping them mold their dreams into goals, leadership roles, successful careers, and reality.

Objectives

The primary goal of this scholarship program is to encourage FFA members throughout Iowa to prepare for a career in agriculture. This scholarship program is designed to provide a college scholarship to active FFA members needing financial assistance.

Scholarship Amount

The Dennis Selness Scholarship Fund will offer one scholarship to a full-time agriculture student. Half of this scholarship will be paid directly to the scholarship recipient's college in August. After successfully completing the first semester of eligible enrollment with a minimum semester GPA of 2.0 the second payment will be made.

Selection Committee

The Iowa FFA Foundation has been designated to coordinate the Dennis Selness Scholarship and appoint a selection committee on an annual basis. The selection committee shall review the applications and select the scholarship recipient.

Scholarship Eligibility

1. Applicant must have been an active FFA member each year of his/her four years of enrollment in high school agricultural education. Active FFA membership and/or FFA Alumni membership shall be continued following high school graduation.
2. Applicant shall be a full-time student that has been accepted into a college program that offers an agricultural degree, or a 2-year transferable ag program to go on and major in an agricultural curriculum. *Applicant shall enroll in one or more agriculture classes each semester of his/her scholarship year.*
3. The college's agriculture program must be in Iowa.
4. Recipient shall only receive a Dennis Selness Scholarship one time.
5. This scholarship is available to applicants who are undergraduate students in two or four year programs. High school seniors, as well as college freshmen, sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply; Dennis Selness Scholarships can be awarded to college freshmen through seniors.

DENNIS SELNESS SCHOLARSHIP

AGRICULTURE

2019-2020 Academic Year

Through the will of the late Dennis Selness, the Iowa FFA Foundation will administer a scholarship to one FFA member who is an undergraduate student in a two or four year college program. For 2019-2020, the minimum amount for this scholarship will be \$500 and the maximum will be \$1,000. The recipient will be selected according to the following criteria: 1) financial need, 2) outstanding leadership potential, and 3) good scholarship. Applicant must be a full-time student that has been accepted into an Iowa college program that offers an agricultural degree, or a two-year transferable Ag program to go on and major in an agricultural curriculum. *One or more agriculture classes shall be taken each semester of the scholarship year.* The postmark deadline for applications is March 1, 2019.

A PHOTO IS NEEDED FOR FOLLOW-UP PUBLICITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Name in full _____
 Birthdate _____
 Home address _____
 Home phone # _____ County _____
 E-mail address: _____
 Name of parent(s) or guardian _____
 Father's occupation _____ Mother's occupation _____
 Name of high school _____ Phone # _____
 Have you been enrolled in agricultural education and active dues-paying FFA member each of your four years of high school? _____
 Are you currently an active FFA and/or FFA Alumni member? _____
 Education goals: _____
 What is your current educational status? (specify grade level) _____
 What college or university will you be attending in the 2019-2020 school year? _____

 What is/will be your academic major in college? _____
 What are your career/occupational goals? _____

Major FFA plus other school and community activities including offices held in organizations while in high school and/or college:

<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Year</u>
a. _____	_____	f. _____	_____
b. _____	_____	g. _____	_____
c. _____	_____	h. _____	_____
d. _____	_____	i. _____	_____
e. _____	_____	j. _____	_____

Employment:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Position/Title</u>	<u>Period of Employment</u>	<u>Hours/week</u>
a. _____	_____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____	_____

Ag Ownership:

<u>Major Enterprises</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Year</u>
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____

Please list courses you have taken in high school and/or college which would support your interest in preparation for a career in the agricultural industry: _____

List specific agriculture classes you will be taking your scholarship year: _____

Please have high school counselor, principal, or academic advisor complete the following section:

Cumulative grade point average _____ (High School) and/or _____ (College) (please include both if applicable)

I verify that the above information and data are correct.

Date _____ Signature _____ Title _____

What other scholarships and grants will you be awarded in the 2019-2020 academic year? (State the source and amount) _____

Applicant's statement on why he/she should be a Dennis Selness Scholarship recipient: _____

Financial management budget for the 2019-2020 academic year: (This section is included as a financial management guide to the selection committee.)

*** All applicants shall include the net income of your enterprises/projects and work experience/employment.**

<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>RESOURCES</u>	
Tuition and fees	\$ _____	Estimate savings	\$ _____
Room and board	\$ _____	Assistance from parents or other relatives	\$ _____
Books and supplies	\$ _____	Loans	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	Scholarships	\$ _____
Incidentals (transportation, recreation, laundry, misc.)	\$ _____	Part-time working during school year	\$ _____
		* Other sources (specify)	_____ \$ _____
			_____ \$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____	TOTAL	\$ _____
		Amount needed to balance budget	\$ _____

Applicant's statement on how FFA has helped himself/herself prepare for a career and leadership role(s) in agriculture: _____

This information is requested for the purpose of awarding scholarships. No persons outside the Selness family, the review committee, and the Iowa FFA Foundation Board of Directors will be provided this information.

I authorize the Iowa FFA Foundation to release copies of this form and information about my academic record to the committee designated to make the scholarship awards and to publicize the scholarship award if I am the recipient.

Signature of student _____ Date _____

Two persons (not relatives) shall send a single-page, double-spaced, recommendation for you to the Iowa FFA Foundation by March 1, 2019.

Each applicant is welcome to attach a maximum of one additional page to expand on any items and more fully explain your financial need if you desire.

Send this application and a **copy of your high school and college (if applicable) transcripts** to Becky McCullough, Iowa FFA Foundation, 1055 S.W. Prairie Trail Pkwy., Ankeny, IA 50023, by the **POSTMARK DEADLINE DATE OF March 1, 2019.**

(This form may be duplicated)