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## ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION

The Empire State Potato Growers Inc. annually awards a scholarship to undergraduate students who reside or study in New York State and are pursuing college studies that support the state's potato industry. All applications will be considered.

The scholarship provides \$500 per academic year for up to four consecutive years of undergraduate study. Recipients must be enrolled full-time in an agriculture-related program.

Awards are based on the applicant's field of study, academic achievement, and leadership abilities, with preference given to those whose studies most directly advance New York State's potato industry and agriculture.

Individuals working in the potato industry are encouraged to share this opportunity with qualified students. **Completed applications must be submitted by May 1 to be considered.**

Completed applications with the required attachments should be emailed to [EmpireStatePotatoGrowers@gmail.com](mailto:EmpireStatePotatoGrowers@gmail.com).

***In an effort to move to an electronic communication format in the future, please provide us with an email contact if you did not receive this letter and application by email this year. Please email the contact information to [EmpireStatePotatoGrowers@gmail.com](mailto:EmpireStatePotatoGrowers@gmail.com) and we will add you to our list.***

Thank you,

Michael Murphy  
*President*  
Empire State Potato Growers, Inc.



## EMPIRE STATE POTATO GROWERS, INC. 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

**Eligibility:** Applicant must be a resident of New York State and must be enrolled in an undergraduate program in an agriculture-related field of study.

**Selection Criteria:** The scholarship will be awarded based on the applicant's area of study, academic achievement, and leadership abilities, with preference given to those whose application demonstrates the greatest relevance to advancing the potato industry and agriculture in New York State.

**Application Requirements:** Applications must be completed by the applicant and include all required attachments: a cover letter addressing the three prompts, an official grade transcript, and two letters of reference. The application deadline is May 1.

**Award Amount and Disbursement:** The scholarship provides an initial award of \$500 per academic year, for up to four consecutive years of undergraduate study, upon proof of full-time enrollment in an agriculture-related major at the designated college.

**Renewal Criteria:** Continued funding is contingent upon maintaining full-time enrollment in an agriculture-related major and achieving a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale. Students must submit an updated transcript at the end of each academic year to verify eligibility.

**EMAIL THIS APPLICATION WITH ATTACHMENTS TO [EMPIRESTATEPOTATOGROWERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EMPIRESTATEPOTATOGROWERS@GMAIL.COM) BY MAY 1.**

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATED COLLEGE GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND IN THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED MAJOR OR AREA OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

### IN ADDITION TO THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS:

1. A cover letter that thoughtfully addresses the following:
  - In what ways do your academic, professional, and personal goals make you a strong candidate for this scholarship?
  - How do you envision your career contributing to the growth and advancement of the New York State potato industry?
  - What experiences or activities demonstrate your leadership, commitment to service, and contributions to your community?
2. Official Grade Transcript
3. Two letters of recommendation from non-family adults who can speak to your academic achievements and/or involvement in extracurricular, professional, or community activities